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Israel found 'guilty' of crimes

TOKYO, March 21 (AP) — An international tribunal on the Israeli invasion of Lebanon on Monday found Israel "guilty" of crimes against peace and humanity, specifically "an attempt to commit genocide against the Palestinian people."

The judgment from the 28-member jury was not unexpected in view of the political persuasion of the organizers and jury. Testimony at the four-day hearing was uniformly critical of Israeli actions in Lebanon, and the Israeli government position was not represented.

The jury said the Israeli government committed acts of war which "taken together constitute a form of genocide, not in the sense that they aim for the death of every Palestinian, but that they form a project to annihilate the very notion of a Palestinian people, and transform them into dispersed refugees."

Among the 10 non-Japanese jurors was long-time American anti-war activist David Dellinger, who said he was a member of a similar tribunal in 1966 organized by the late philosopher Bertrand Russell which judged the United States guilty of genocidal warfare in Vietnam.

"From the testimony which came out here, it is very frightening to realize that 17 years after the Bertrand Russell Tribunal, which publicized the use of napalm and anti-personnel bombs against the Vietnamese citizenry, that these types of weaponry — through years of high technology development — have become very sophisticated and deadly," Dellinger said.

Japanese organizers said they collected about 10 million yen (\$40,000) in private contributions to finance the tribunal and bring over the witnesses, including nine Palestinians and two Israelis. About 250 Japanese attended the final session Monday.

In an unrelated development, Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem said Monday the United States would need two weeks to persuade Israel to "accept Lebanon's viewpoint on security arrangements" involved in a troop withdrawal agreement.

"Lebanon is ready to alleviate Israel's security fears and extend irrevocable assurances in this regard," Salem told reporters here upon his return from talks in the United States and Western Europe on Lebanon's future.

Salem spoke shortly after Israeli and Lebanese negotiators concluded the 23rd session of formal troop withdrawal negotiations in the Israeli Mediterranean resort of Netanya north of Tel Aviv after a one-week interruption.



Strauss declines berth in cabinet

MUNICH, March 21 (R) — Controversial right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss has turned down a cabinet post in the new West German government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl and will remain in Bavaria as state premier, his Christian Social Union (CSU) announced Monday.

The decision of the 67-year-old Strauss ended over two weeks of speculation about his future political role following the conservative victory in the March 6 general election.

The question of Strauss' future along with key issues of foreign policy had apparently caused deadlock in talks on the shape of the new Kohl government.

On Sunday in a surprise move suggesting discord the three coalition parties — the Christian Democrats (CDU) and the Liberal Free Democrats (FDP) along with the CSU — had suspended their consultations until Tuesday.

Strauss had three times postponed his decision about joining the coalition, apparently while pressing for more policy influence for his Bavarian-based party.

The timing of Monday's announcement came as a surprise since Strauss had said he would wait until coalition negotiations on the shape of the new government were over.

A tough fight had been expected Tuesday over foreign policy between Strauss and Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the FDP leader and current foreign minister.

Mark up 5.5%, French franc down 2.5 % W. Europe realigns currencies

BRUSSELS, March 21 (AP) — Western European finance ministers Monday reached agreement on a broad realignment of their currencies including a 5.5 up-valuation of the West German mark and a 2.5 percent drop in the value of the French franc, West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg announced.

Stoltenberg told a news conference "this will enhance the credibility of the European Monetary System."

The agreement came following two and a half days of crisis meetings by finance ministers from the eight EMS countries.

When they failed to reach agreement over the weekend, as is normally the case with currencies realignments, exchange markets were allowed to float freely without mandatory intervention by central banks. There was some confusion on the markets Monday morning, but very little trading.

Otto Poehl, president of the West German Central Bank, said that markets could return to normal following the realignment. The major problem holding up agreement was a new parity between the battered French franc and the healthy German mark. The French franc has now been devalued three times since Socialist President Francois Mitterrand came to power May 10, 1980.

The new currency rates, moving against an agreed central rate in the EMS, also included: Dutch guilder revalued by 3.5 percent, the Danish kroner up by 2.5 percent and the Belgian and Luxembourg francs up by 1.5 percent.

The Italian lira was also devalued by 2.5 percent, and the Irish pound went down by 3.5 percent.

French Finance Minister Jacques Delors, asked at the news conference about a reported French-German split at the meeting, said "French-German friendship is a vital factor in the history of our nations. This friendship has never wavered in the past 25 years. We talk frankly to one another. You cannot be friends and not talk frankly."

Poehl said "we have reached a reasonable compromise that was endorsed today by the market. There was no chaos on the foreign exchange markets today as some had expected. Things were quite calm."

Stoltenberg said "as from now, the markets can operate again and we will intervene if necessary."

Dutch Finance Minister Onno Ruding said of the agreement "the fact that we have an agreement is in the interest of monetary cooperation."

He said the 8 percent difference between the German and French currencies now is a "hefty percentage and the delay in the announcement of the agreement was a result of the difficult French position."

A German source, who asked not to be identified, said "the atmosphere of the meeting was quite bitter toward the end." But Stoltenberg said "these discussions were always fair and objective."

Both Delors and Stoltenberg, at the news conference, stressed the importance of continued monetary cooperation among the EEC states.

Delors said "We must face up to a number of internal difficulties" in the community. He said the role of the EMS has to be seen in this context.

"The system demands that everybody makes an effort," Delors said, adding that the EMS has shown its value at a time when Americans are questioning the usefulness of market intervention. "I attach great value to the continuation of this system," Delors said.

Pound falls to all-time low

LONDON, March 21 (K) — Sterling plunged to all-time lows against the U.S. dollar and the West German mark, but realignments within the European Monetary System (EMS) boosted it against weaker currencies.

Sterling, hurt by a strong U.S. dollar and the possibility of further oil price cuts, slipped to trade at around \$1.4790. Its previous low was set only last Friday when it closed at \$1.4875.

In Frankfurt, sterling was fixed at 3.538 marks, well below last Friday's 3.575, also its lowest ever. But even before Monday's EMS agreement, the British currency gained against the French franc, trading around 10.6 francs against 10.33 on Friday.

Helped by this, sterling's trade-weighted index against a basket of currencies (1975 base 100) was unchanged at 78.9 at Monday's fix, several points above its low plunged in 1976.

The latest slide in sterling has killed hopes that British commercial banks would again soon cut their lending rates after a cut last week to 10.5 percent from 11 percent, and could threaten the government's tough anti-inflation policies. Nervousness over sterling spilled over onto the stock exchange where the *Financial Times* index of leading shares fell over 11 points to 649.2 after closing on Friday at 661.0.

The government's strategy has been to try to boost economic recovery by greatly reducing inflation and lowering interest rates. It has had some success, bringing inflation down from 22 percent in May 1980 to 4.95 percent now, but the weakness of sterling could wreck this policy.

Eating in London, 'food for thought'

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — Eating out at some of the world's most famous tourist spots in London — including the zoo and Madame Tussaud's — was described Monday as a scandal.

Hungarian-born Egon Ronay, publisher of *Guides to good food and hotels* said standards at these places are "scandalous, making British catering look ridiculous the world over."

The 1983 edition of *Just a Bite*, Ronay's popular guide to inexpensive eating throughout Britain, said that at the "grubby and litter-strewn" Cafeteria at London zoo, his inspector "sat in a chair so filthy that his trousers literally stuck to it."

The zoo gets about one million visitors a year. Tussaud's waxworks gets nearly two million and there the guide found "scandalously poor food, slow motion service, plastic cutlery and cheap paper plates."

"Are there any visitors who can actually eat anything here?" the book despaired. Other places to avoid are the British Museum where the pate is "disgusting" and the fried cod "revolting," the World War II cruiser *HMS Belfast* where it would be "difficult for catering standards to sink any lower," and the "appalling" London Dungeon, with its "horrific" steak and kidney pie.

Finger is on trigger, Syria warns

DAMASCUS, March 21 (AP) — A government minister here said Monday Syria was ready to do battle with Israel and warned that any new war between the two nations would bring the Soviet Union and the United States to a "world confrontation."

"We do not fear war. We have enough strength to hit back harder to any blow we receive," Culture Minister Najah Attar wrote in a full-page editorial published by the government newspaper *Tishrin*.

"America is not alone in our area, and we shall not stop achieving a strategic balance with Israel if this balance has not already been achieved," Mrs. Attar said. "Not only Israeli fingers are on the trigger, but ours too."

She was referring to a upgraded Soviet arms supplies to Syrian President Hafez Assad's government, including long-range SAM-5 anti-aircraft missiles, that Moscow had sent to Syria in the wake of Israel's invasion of Lebanon last summer.

"Strategic balance" is military parity in Syrian parlance. Mrs. Attar suggests in her article that Syria is now close to achieving this parity and that the Soviet Union would intervene on Syria's side if a new war erupts.

"The few months which formed the post-war (military imbalance) era in Lebanon have gone, and many things and facts have changed in this short period," Mrs. Attar wrote. "this year, 1983, is different from last year."

"In case new fighting erupts, it will not be confined to the Middle East, nor will it be limited between Syria and Israel," Mrs. Attar said. "If a world confrontation happens, then only the aggressors will bear its full responsibility."

She said Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization reject "any expansion of America's military role in Lebanon," adding: "Syria's security is rightly linked with Lebanon's security, and without the departure of the very last Israeli soldier from Lebanon, there shall be no Syrian or Palestinian withdrawal," Mrs. Attar added.

The tough tone of her article contrasts with Lebanese government emphasis that the Assad government and the PLO have given assurances that they would pull out of their forces from Lebanon within the framework of an overall Lebanese-Israeli withdrawal agreement.

The article coincided with an interview published by the right-wing Beirut newspaper *Al-Ahram*, which quoted Israeli-backed Christian militia commander Maj. Saad Haddad as urging the Lebanese government to conclude a mutual defense treaty with Israel and then declare war on Syria to evict its forces from eastern Lebanon.



EEC SUMMIT: A general view of the European Community summit which opened in Brussels on Monday. In the center (facing camera) are the West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who presided over the meeting, and (left) West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

Assam violence claims 25 more lives

GAUHATI, March 21 (Agencies) — Authorities in Assam Monday clamped an indefinite curfew on the military base town of Tezpur, 125 kilometers northeast of here, where at least 25 persons were killed, dozens injured and over 2,000 made homeless in communal violence this week-end, officials said.

Indian soldiers in full battle dress marched through Tezpur streets as officials appealed through loudspeakers to people to remain indoors.

In Gauhati, machine gun-toting security-men escorted the newly elected Congress-I assembly members to the first meeting of the state legislature.

The town was deserted Monday as almost all the shops kept their shutters down, either in solidarity with a call from militant Assam movements for a total strike Monday or out of fear of an attack on their shops by the militants.

The strike was called to protest against the assembly, which the anti-immigrant movement does not recognize, saying it was elected by the immigrant vote.

Election violence is estimated to have left Heath. "But he just came along to me and said, 'look, I want you to know that I am not going to stand.'"

"Quite instinctively I said 'I am sorry.' Then I said straightaway, 'well if you are not, I am going to.'"

She added: "I had never expected the leadership, let alone it happening that way." At the time, the highest office Mrs. Thatcher had held was secretary of state for education and science from 1970-74.

She and Heath have since become bitter political foes on opposite wings of the Conservative Party, Mrs. Thatcher to the right, Heath to the left.

Thatcher bares passion for politics

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher described Monday how she decided to challenge Edward Heath for the leadership of the Conservative Party after he led the party to defeat in the 1974 general election.

In a central television interview to be networked in Britain on March 29, she told interviewer Sir Laurens van der Post.

"The party was insisting that Ted should put up as leader again...it seemed to me that someone had to put up against him. I was obviously beginning to have some different views of different emphasis."

She had expected Sir Keith Joseph, veteran Conservative cabinet member, to run against

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ROC, Kingdom have identical interests, new ambassador says

By Hussein Dakroub
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 21 — The Republic of China's new ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Dr. Wei-ping Tsai, has commended the relationship between the Kingdom and his country, saying that "political and economic links between the two countries have been friendly and intimate."

In an exclusive interview with *Arab News*, Ambassador Tsai, who arrived here last month to replace his predecessor Ya-Chi Hsueh, said, "The friendship between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of China is founded on identical interests: both countries adopt an anti-Communist stand and cherish moral principles."

"Such a cordial relationship has been cemented by the two countries' close cooperation in a variety of projects in agriculture, communications, industry, electric power, public health, science and technology," Tsai emphasized.

As evidence that the Sino-Saudi Arabian relations are headed for further improvement, the ambassador cited the exchange of visits and the recent signing of a health cooperation agreement. "The exchange of visits by high-ranking government officials has always been encouraged in order to boost mutual understanding in general and to discuss ways and means of solving any problems that may arise from various projects," Tsai said.

He stated that during the visit of Dr. T.C. Hsu, director general of the ROC's Department of Health, "agreement was reached on a number of measures which represent another expansion of our cooperation in public health."

The ambassador disclosed that the authorities in both countries have agreed on further strengthening the existing friendly relations "through the continued expansion of economic and technical cooperation and intensification of cultural cooperation activities."

"The fifth session of the Permanent Committee on Cultural Cooperation between the two countries has just concluded a successful annual meeting in Riyadh this month. The session yielded fruitful results, including a TV program for teaching the Arabic language and Islamic culture in the Republic of China and cooperation in research in the fields of engineering, medicine, and sports activities," Tsai indicated.

He added that the next Sino-Saudi Ara-



Ambassador Wei-ping Tsai

bian Economic and Technical Cooperation Conference will be held in Taipei in May "to review the implementation of existing projects and to exchange views on new projects in the economic and technical fields."

Is the Republic of China satisfied with the volume of trade with the Kingdom? Tsai said he was very happy to note that while his country's trade with other countries is falling, trade exchange with the Kingdom is soaring.

"Total trade between the Republic of China and Saudi Arabia amounted to \$8.2 billion in 1980 and \$9.1 billion in 1981. The Kingdom has become the third largest trade partner of the Republic of China, followed only by the United States and Japan," he said.

Noting that government and business circles in both countries are justifiably proud of the continued growth of the volume of trade, Tsai said, "Nowadays, we are working hard and looking forward to the further expansion of bilateral trade between the two countries."

The ambassador denied the existence of any aid agreement between the two countries, saying there are a number of agreements concluded between the Republic of

China and Saudi Arabia for cooperation in various fields. "These agreements call for mutual aid for mutual interest," he explained.

Asked to evaluate Saudi Arabia's policies in general, Tsai praised King Fahd's efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East. "The vigorous and constructive efforts of His Majesty King Fahd to ensure justice and lasting peace in the Middle East have won universal admiration. Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's moderate oil policies have greatly contributed to the stability of the world's economic order," Tsai said.

Asked his views on the Middle East crisis in general and the Arab-Israeli conflict in particular, the ambassador said: "As our Prime Minister Sun Yun-suan said recently in an interview with *Al-Madinah* newspaper, 'The government and people of the Republic of China have repeatedly proclaimed support for the Fahd peace plan. We consider it a practical formula for solving the Middle East issue.'"

Denouncing Israeli aggression in the Middle East, the ambassador outlined his country's attitude as follows: "The Republic of China cherishes peace and freedom. We believe that expansionism and aggression in any form should be condemned."

Tsai, who has M.A. and Ph. D. from the University of Illinois, worked as a professor at the ROC's Central Political Institute in 1939. In 1940, he was appointed section chief of the Foreign Trade Commission of the Ministry of Finance.

From 1943 to 1945, he worked as a specialist at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He had served as consul and consul general in Calcutta, Indonesia and Honolulu.

From 1961 to 1966, he was director of the Department of North American Affairs. He served as ambassador to New Zealand from 1966 to 1968. From 1968 to 1975, he served as vice minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He worked as professor at the National Chengchi University and director of the Institute of International Relations until 1981.

Until his appointment as ambassador to Saudi Arabia in February 1983, Tsai was representative of the USA Office, Coordination Council for North American Affairs.

Born in Nanking, China, in 1911, Tsai is married and has two sons and three daughters. He is the author of a book entitled *Production and Marketing of Chinese Tea*. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Indian teams hold talks on boosting trade

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 21 — Two Indian missions met here Monday with representatives from the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry and discussed the possibilities of expanding trade with the Kingdom, according to Dinkar Srivastava, second (commercial) secretary at the Indian Embassy.

The Indian Coffee Board team consists of B.L. Ramdas, K. Balaharharan, and K.L. Simha, market research officer. Another delegation from the Handloom Export Promotion Council, which attended the meeting, includes the council's assistant secretary S. Subandram; the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade official Dr. R.K. Pandey and S.M. Syed Mohsin.

The chamber was represented by Deputy Secretary General Hasan Nassier and its Public Relations officer Osman Basagar. The two teams will now have meetings with individual importers here, Srivastava said.

He added that two more delegations — one from Birla group and the other from India's Trade Development Authority — are scheduled to arrive here on Thursday.

Riyadh-Dammam rail line set for improvement

DAMMAM, March 21 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Government Railway Organization (SAGRO) is currently implementing a number of projects to improve rail transportation between Riyadh and Dammam, organization Chairman Faisal Al-Shobail said here Monday. The projects include a two-track line from Dammam to Riyadh via Hofuf, he said.

Three new railway stations will be built in Dammam, Hofuf and Riyadh besides three subways relating to projects of the National Guard and the Saudi-Bahraini Cement Company in the region, he added.

The organization will buy 668 cargo wagons and 40 passenger coaches supplied with an air conditioning system, telephone and TV network while a maintenance center will be set up in Riyadh and Dammam, Shobail said.

Shobail said the projects were in the framework of the third development plan to improve land transportation all over the Kingdom at reasonable prices.

Saudi Railways carry 300,000 passengers annually and the number is expected to increase rapidly with the completion of the new ventures and putting rapid express trains into service, he added.



ANNIVERSARY: Al-Hamra Nova Park Hotel in Jeddah celebrated its third anniversary Sunday. The hotel's general manager, Max Metzger (right), is seen receiving guests.

Nova Park marks 3rd anniversary

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 21 — More than 500 dignitaries, government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, businessmen, airline, travel agency and hotel industry representatives attended the third anniversary celebrations of the Al-Hamra Nova Park Hotel Sunday evening.

The function was attended by Lt. Gen. Abdullah Ishaq, Jeddah Royal Protocol

director, Abdul Hamid Saeed Derbazi, Jeddah Ministry of Planning director general, Sadega Amzad of the Interior Ministry; as well as Abdullah Kaki, Western Province Youth Welfare president.

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GCC to hold housing parley

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ministers of housing will hold their first conference at the GCC headquarters here over the weekend. The gathering will be preceded by a preparatory meeting attended by the housing ministers' undersecretaries.

GCC Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs Dr. Abdullah Al-Quwaiz told SPA the ministers will discuss several items including standardizing specifications for the building sector and the possibility of unifying construction regulations in the six member states.

Other questions include giving priority to building materials produced by GCC states, a unified system of grading contractors and engineering offices and adopting a unified stand at conferences held by international organizations in the region.

Meanwhile, directors of traffic department from the GCC states met in Sharjah, UAE, Monday to discuss ways of unifying traffic regulations in member states. The two-day meeting will also review setting a date for the GCC states traffic week, establishing a unified traffic institute, and the prospect of facilitating the citizens' transportation in the Gulf.

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Road project

SANAA (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and North Yemen Monday signed a 40 million Yemeni riyal agreement to build a ring-road in Sanaa. The five-kilometer road will be completed within 15 months to facilitate traffic in the Yemeni capital and its suburbs.

Conversion to Islam

JEDDAH (SPA) — Fifteen persons professed the Islamic faith in front of Saudi Religious Court Judge Sheikh Abul Aziz Al-Isa, here Monday. They comprise nine Koreans, two Filipino men and two women, one Egyptian woman and a Dutchman. Sheikh Isa urged them to follow the teachings of the Holy Quran and the Prophet and briefed them on the Islamic religion's principles of love, brotherhood and equality.

Holy Qur'an competition

JEDDAH — Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowment Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie has sent out invitations for a number of prominent personalities to attend the closing ceremony for the International Holy Quran Reading Competition, *Al-Bilad* reported Monday.

Reform panel's meeting

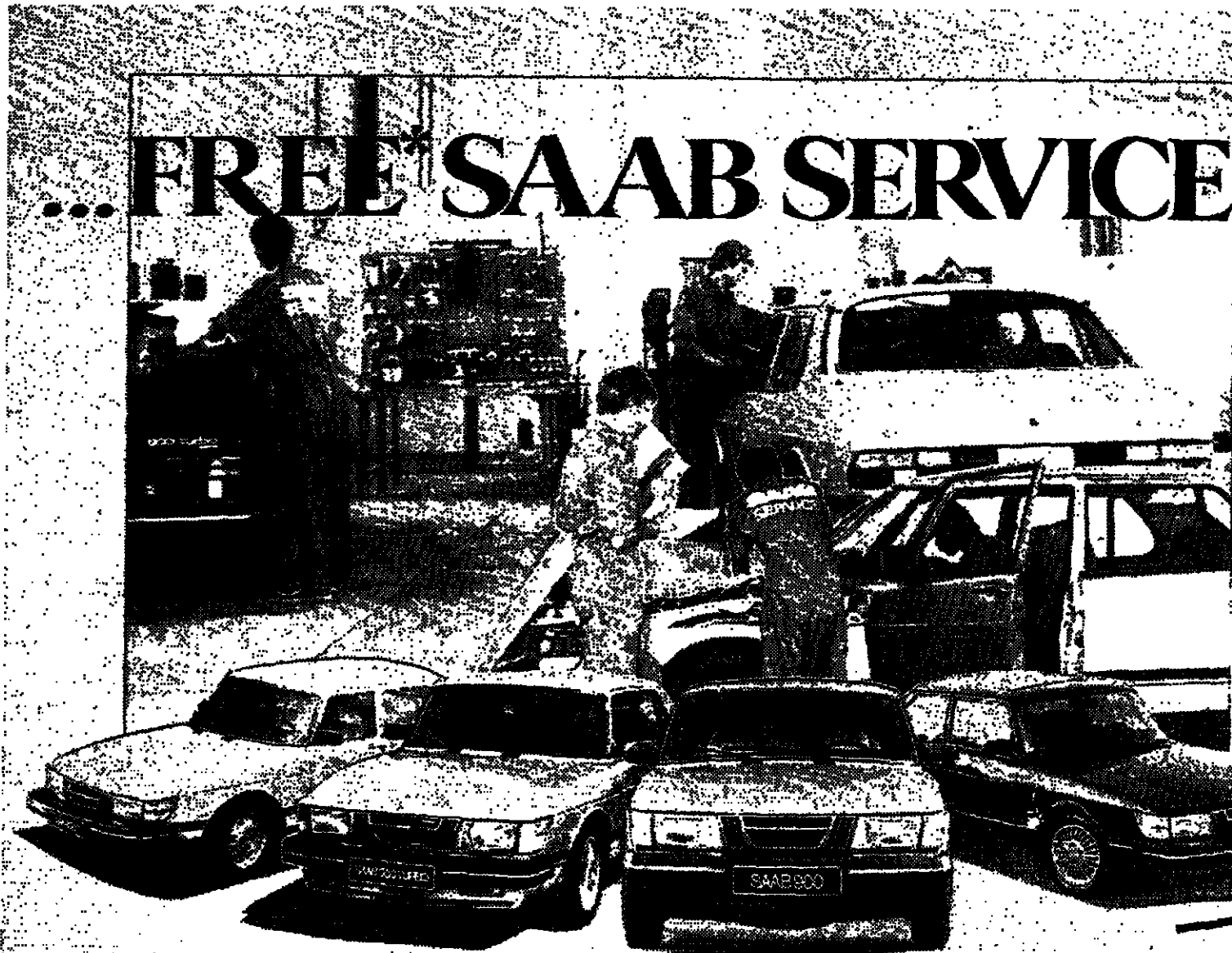
RIYADH — Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation, will chair a meeting, in the middle of next week, of the Higher Administrative Reform Committee, *Al-Madinah* reported Monday. The prince is the committee's vice president.

IDB chief in Dhaka

JEDDAH (SPA) — Islamic Development Bank (IDB) President Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Ali has left for Dhaka for a three-day official visit to Bangladesh. He will have talks with Bangladesh leaders on a number of bank-financed projects under way in the Asian country.

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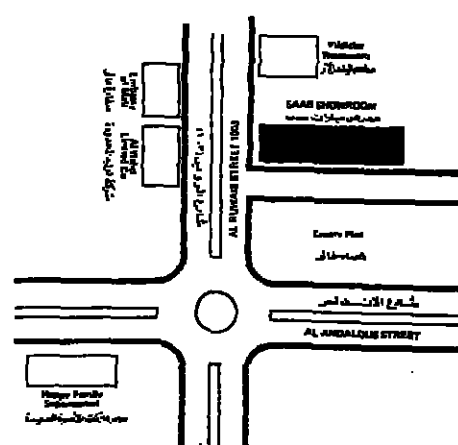


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Petromin to set up 2 new oil refineries

JEDDAH, March 21 — Two oil refineries in Al-Qasim and Al-Shaqi are planned within the coming few years, Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher said Monday. The official said that residents anywhere in Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty in getting their petrochemical products as a result of a network of pipes which will cover the entire Kingdom and carry petroleum byproducts.

Dr. Taher told *Al-Bilad* that by the year 1987, 95 percent of all associated gas in Saudi Arabia will be exploited. The remaining five percent will be devoted to domestic industrial consumption. He reaffirmed that the Arab American Oil Company (Aramco) is fully owned by Saudi Arabia and considered now as a contractee to run the production and marketing operations and ensure the maintenance of the Kingdom's oil installations.

The governor said that the bulk of Petromin's operations hovered around \$35 billion, which makes it rank among the major world petrochemical companies. However, in 1962, Petromin began with an SR1 million budget.

Dr. Taher said that the project to use the associated gas rather than let it burn uselessly cost \$12 billion and was entrusted to Aramco, adding that it will be the cornerstone of the Kingdom's projects in Jubail and Yanbu. He said that one of Petromin's major targets was that Saudi Arabian projects be operated by trained and qualified local manpower. Such manpower is now a reality, he said, because at the Jeddah refinery, for example, 84 percent of the qualified staff are Saudi Arabians. Sometimes, the help of a foreign firm is sought only at preliminary stages. But in any case decision-making rests exclusively with Saudi Arabians.

The official said that Petromin's export earnings totaled \$30 billion. It netted the Saudi Arabian government a net profit of \$28 billion in the form of sales, taxes and profits. He added that Petromin has been making substantial profit for the past five years that are paid through Aramco to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy. Dr. Taher said that Petromin's more substantial profits were made from items whose prices are not fixed by the government, such as asphalt, aircraft fuel and ship fuel. Less profit is made of items subject to government tariff, like diesel fuel, gasoline and kerosene, because such items are sold below their real price and government subsidies make up for the difference. Nevertheless, the losses neutralize profit made from other items. Whatever profit is left, Petromin plows it back into the business, to improve and expand its installations.

Among more profitable projects, Dr. Taher listed some of the companies that provide services, such as excavation, exploration and off-shore works, as joint ventures with foreign firms.



Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher

American firm introduces new generation computer

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 21 — A mainframe computer for general business applications, which is "small, inexpensive, powerful and reliable," has been simultaneously introduced to the Kingdom and the rest of the world.

Roger C. Lintern, local general manager of the American firm, NCR Corporation,



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echoed the description of NCR President Charles E. Exley Jr., that the new "NCR 9300" computer is a "technological marvel from its hardware to its software — a system that propels 'state-of-the-art' a quantum leap forward."

It features a new generation of 32-bit Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) microprocessor technology and architecture developed by the company, Lintern said adding: "The first of its kind, the first in a family, the new generation computer is small in physical size — only 17.6 by 25.8 by 7.5 inches — and packs a powerful, large-scale system into the small package."

This processor has been augmented by a new operating system, a broad range of data communications capabilities, and a comprehensive library of software productivity tools, he said.

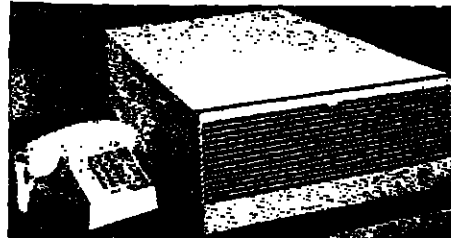
"The result is a powerful, compact, fully featured mainframe computer system that is simple to use and apply," Lintern said. He added that the company's West Coast facilities played a major role in the computer's design, development and manufacture which was done at San Diego and being produced there.

The computer, he said, simplifies accounting procedures, text processing and reporting functions for a highly efficient management information system, and offers ease of expansion and migration.

Torrey Pines developed advanced communications capabilities for the system, including the ability to interconnect into computer networks using Systems Network Architecture (SNA). An extensive library is available of existing application programs for major industry markets, many of these comprehensive business management programs are currently operating on the company's large worldwide installed base of I-series systems.

First customer deliveries are scheduled for April according to Marketing Manager David J. Allan, with volume shipments in June. "The NCR 9300 which is the very latest in computer technology, has the big potential in the Kingdom whose computer market is growing most rapidly," he said.

Referring to the progress of the company's



"TECHNOLOGICAL MARVEL": The new "NCR 9300," just introduced to markets in the Kingdom and the rest of the world by the NCR Corporation, the unit is a full 32-bit, very large scale integration mainframe computer, meant for general business applications.

microelectronics, Lintern said NCR, a multibillion-dollar manufacturer of computer systems, terminal products and semiconductor laboratories established its first microelectronics laboratory in 1963 to stay abreast of the emerging semiconductor technology.

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Isha (Night)	8:03	8:04	7:36	7:22	7:47	8:17

Preparations under way for 'Saudi Oil Show of 1984'

By a Staff Writer

ALKHOBAR, March 21 — The latest technology and know-how needed to implement vast on-and-off-shore oil and gas and downstream projects of Saudi Arabia and Arab Gulf countries will be featured during the April 1-5 'Saudi Oil Show of 1984.' The show will be the second in a series of biannual events to be organized in Saudi Arabia by Tibana/Saudi Expo Corp. of Jeddah.

The second oil show is supervised by the Ministry of Commerce and will take place here adjacent to the Dhahran headquarters of Aramco.

More than 4,000 square meters of

purpose-built exhibition halls and another 6,000 square meters of outdoor space are planned to accommodate the display of exhibits and equipment in the energy field.

Saudi Arabian ministries, agencies, Petromin, the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation and other institutions concerned with energy programs are expected to participate both in the exhibition and an allied two-day conference.

The show is designed to accommodate 400 exhibitors from all over the world. More than 5,000 visitors are expected to visit the show, while more than 2,000 engineers, consultants and industry experts will attend the various meetings and sessions during the convention.

Oil spill leak pace monitoring begins

JEDDAH, March 21 — A joint Saudi Arabian-Kuwaiti technical team Sunday began monitoring the movement of an oil spill that leaked from Iran's Fayrouz field and is threatening Saudi and Kuwaiti shores and waters, *Al-Madinah* reported Monday.

The team will work for eight days aboard a special plane chartered by the Kingdom's Meteorological and Environment Protection Department. It will give preliminary indications as to the direction the giant oil spill is taking and the magnitude of the threat it poses to Gulf waters.

A department spokesman said that there was no danger, for the time being, from the spill. He added that Kuwaiti authorities had granted all the necessary facilities to the team and allowed it to overfly and monitor the country's coast at will.

20 publishing houses participate in book exhibit

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 21 — Numerous books and modern dictionaries in various cultural and scientific specializations are being exhibited during a week-long book exhibition now taking place at King Abdul Aziz University College of Economics and Administration. The exhibition opened Saturday with 20 publishing houses represented.

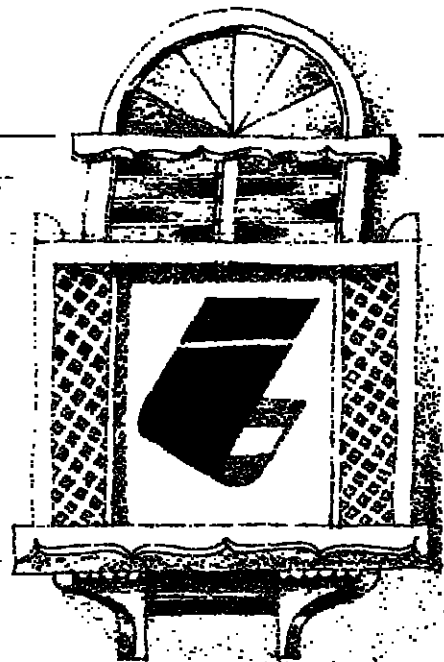
Dr. Madani Alaqi said the exhibition aimed at spreading information about Arab and foreign cultures and at providing the chance for citizens to own cultural and scientific books. He said that in addition, the exhibition is enabling local readers to keep abreast of the latest publications now being produced by publishers in foreign countries.

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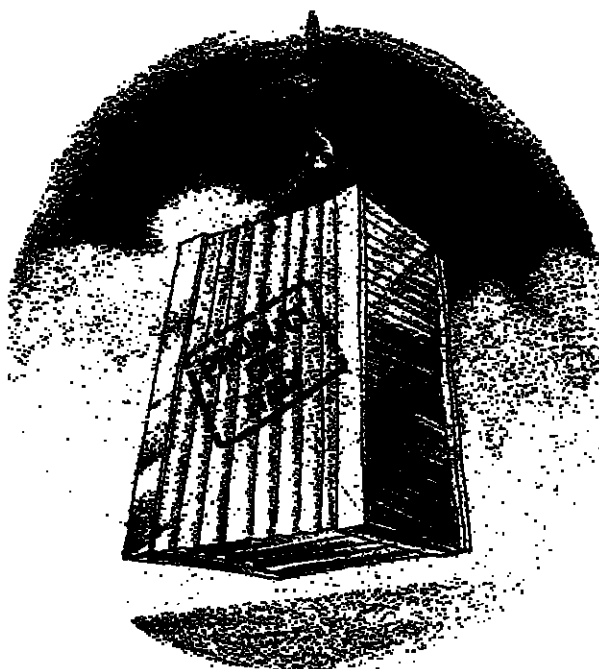


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PLO denies Hussein mandate for peace talks

KUWAIT, March 21 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization refuses to authorize King Hussein of Jordan to go into peace talks with Israel on behalf of the Palestinians, a high-ranking PLO official was quoted Monday as declaring.

Salah Khalaf also told the newspaper *Al-Wakeel* that Hussein "may go ahead and negotiate peace (with Israel) on the basis of the Arab plan."

"The Jordanian king may negotiate on the basis of the Fez plan, and not on the basis of the (Reagan) Zionist plan," said Khalaf, alluding to the U.S. Mideast peace proposals put forward last Sept. 1 by President Reagan.

Khalaf, second to Yasser Arafat in the leadership of the PLO's mainline Fatah command group, said the Palestinians have endorsed the Fez plan as the "maximum level of concessions the PLO would give in the interest of peace." The Fez plan, issued by the Arab summit conference in Morocco last September, calls for an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank of Jordan and Gaza.

Khalaf complained about unidentified Arab and Western media organs "trying to portray the PLO as extremist, accusing it of squandering opportunities." These organs, he contended, "are trying to pressure the PLO into giving Hussein a mandate" to negotiate with Israel under U.S. auspices.

The Palestine National Council (PNC), the parliament-in-exile, last month met in Algiers and debated the Reagan proposals for Arab-Israeli peace.

The PNC refused to endorse the U.S. proposals as a sound basis for peace negotiations with the Israelis, because these proposals stopped short of recognizing the "right" of the Palestinians to an independent state of

Commandos to step up anti-Israeli attacks

AMMAN, March 21 (R) — Palestinian commandos have been ordered to step up attacks against Israeli Army units in Lebanon, the deputy commander of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) forces was quoted Monday as saying.

"I am announcing to you an open secret that PLO fighting units have been given orders to step up their attacks in both the occupied Palestinian territories and Lebanon," Abu Jihad said in an interview with the *Jordan Times*.

He said resolutions passed in Algiers last month by the Palestine National Council, the organization's parliament-in-exile, left the door open for joint moves by the Palestinians, Jordan and the Arab world toward a Middle East peace.

But the PLO did not believe in the United States' ability to break the current deadlock in the peace process by pressing Israel to withdraw from Lebanon and to freeze the building of new Jewish settlements in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Abu Jihad's comments echoed remarks by King Hussein of Jordan in London on Saturday when he said time was running out for progress toward peace and U.S. credibility faced a difficult test.

Bangladesh cyclone leaves seven dead

DHAKA, March 21 (AP) — Seven persons were killed and 150 others injured when a cyclone struck Chandpur and Narayanganj, about 50 kilometers south of Dhaka, officials reported Sunday.

Hurricane-velocity winds up to 140 kilometers per hour were measured in the area Friday night, they said. Six of the dead were killed in Chandpur, where three schools also were destroyed, they said. The winds also damaged crops and uprooted telephone poles, they said.

Iran commander killed

LONDON, March 21 (R) — The Iranian commander of paramilitary police for the southern province of Khuzestan was killed at a parade when a soldier opened fire on the stand, the left-wing opposition Mujahedeen organization said.

The Mujahedeen's Paris office told Reuters Sunday by telephone that Col. Sepehri was killed by a Mujahedeen member in the Iranian Army in the provincial town of Ahvaz on March 10. The chief commander of Iran's paramilitary police, Col. Kuchak Zadeh, who was also attending the parade, escaped unhurt.

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NDJAMENA (AFP) — Several thousand people Monday took to the streets of the Chadian capital to protest against the Libyan presence in northern Chad. The demonstrators also called on the Ndjamena authorities to "mobilize all human, material and political resources" to defend Chadian territorial integrity.

CAIRO (AP) — China is preparing a "big welcome" for President Hosni Mubarak when he visits Peking next month, Chinese Ambassador Deng Ko-you said Monday.

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union charged Sunday that the United States is training Afghan Mujahedeen fighting the Kabul regime to use chemical weapons. The charges came in an article in the trade union newspaper *Trud* (labor) and were repeated on English-language news broadcasts on Radio Moscow.

MANAMA (AFP) — Iraq takes a "favorable" view of the Gulf peace plan proposed last week by the exiled left-wing Iranian opposition based in Paris, Iraqi Culture and Information Minister Latif Nassim Jassem said Sunday.

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli soldiers manning a roadblock in East Beirut came under fire from unidentified attackers Sunday night, well-informed sources reported here Sunday.

BEIRUT (AFP) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel Sunday praised the role of American Marines in the peacekeeping force here "in the service of peace and helping the Lebanese government regain its sovereignty," the official Radio Beirut reported.

Palestinians hold protest rallies in occupied areas

TEL AVIV, March 21 (AP) — Arabs in occupied Jerusalem Monday threw stones, burned tires and launched a commercial strike to protest an attempt two weeks ago by Jewish extremists to take over the Holy site Al-Aqsa Mosque, police said. Arab demonstrations also were reported in the occupied West Bank.

Israel radio reported that a district court freed on 5,000-shekel (\$125) bail the 29 Israelis who had been held in the Al-Aqsa takeover bid. They were ordered confined to their homes except to attend synagogue on the Sabbath and Jewish holidays. A police spokesman said students were boycotting classes.

A spokesman for the Jerusalem's Supreme Muslim Council, said the group called for a

Algeria calls for N. African unity

TUNIS, March 21 (R) — Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahim said the creation of a union between North African states was the principal objective of nationalists in the area.

In a statement, quoted by the Tunisian news agency TAP, Taleb Ibrahim said Sunday the Arab Maghreb union had been the dream of politicians in the area since the time of the struggle for liberation from French domination.

two-hour commercial strike to protest the takeover attempt which police foiled. Merchants were observing the strike call despite the start of their busiest season. Al-Aqsa Mosque is Islam's third holiest shrine after Makkah and Madinah.

A year ago an American immigrant, Alan Harry Goodman, killed Muslim guards in a gun attack in Al-Aqsa and Omar mosques. Weeks of bloody Arab rioting followed that incident.

The military command said the army imposed a curfew in the old marketplace of Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, after Arabs threw stones there. Stone-throwing also was reported near Hebron and in Ramallah, it said. There were no injuries in the stoning incidents, the command said.

"We are firmly convinced that our generation has a historic mission to accomplish which consists of laying the foundations of the grand Maghreb," he said.

Taleb Ibrahim spoke on the last day of the first official visit to Tunisia by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid which marked the normalization of relations between the two countries after several years of mutual distrust.

Bring perpetrators of massacre to book, congressmen tell Gemayel

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — Twenty-nine U.S. congressmen have told Lebanese President Amin Gemayel they are "profoundly disturbed" by his country's failure to investigate last September's massacre of hundreds of Palestinian refugees and to punish those responsible.

"We are profoundly disturbed by what appears to Americans to be a lack of diligence in determining responsibility for the attacks on the refugee camps and bringing the actual perpetrators to justice," they said in a letter to Gemayel.

The letter was released Sunday by Democratic Rep. Henry Waxman of California, who together with Democratic Rep. Mary Rose Oakar of Ohio, had drafted and circulated the appeal.

Although the Lebanese government has announced its own investigation, Waxman said, "we have seen ... no signs that the actual perpetrators of the monstrous deeds will be officially identified and punished."

Lebanese Christian militiamen have been linked to the killings of hundreds of Palestinian men, women and children during the massacre Sept. 16-18 at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps. Israeli forces then in control of Beirut were guarding the camps at the time.

An Israeli inquiry commission, in a report issued Feb. 8, said then-Defense Minister Ariel Sharon bore personal responsibility in

connection with the atrocity and recommended his ouster from the defense post. The commission also said Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin shared some of the blame but did not call his resignation. "It is necessary for the government of Lebanon to determine officially where responsibility lies and bring to justice the people who entered Sabra and Shatila and carried out the wanton slaughter of innocent men, women and children."

The appeal added: "We fear that the strong and free Lebanon we all seek may not survive so long as the perpetrators of the massacres remain at large."

U.S. prepared to send more Marines -- Salam

BEIRUT, March 21 (AP) — Former Lebanese Prime Minister Saeb Salam said Monday that U.S. President Ronald Reagan was ready to send additional U.S. Marines to Lebanon for peacekeeping duty if necessary.

Salam, speaking at a press conference after his return from an eight-day visit to the United States as President Amin Gemayel's special envoy, said Reagan showed his "readiness to assist Lebanon in many fields, even by sending additional Marines."

"This will depend on the necessity for such a move," Salam said.

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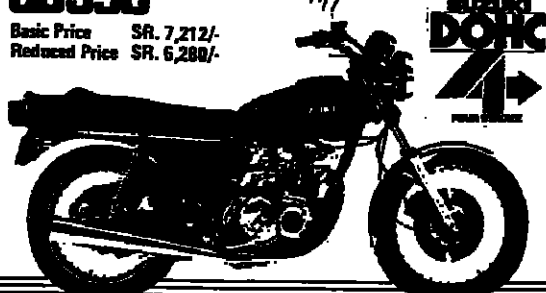
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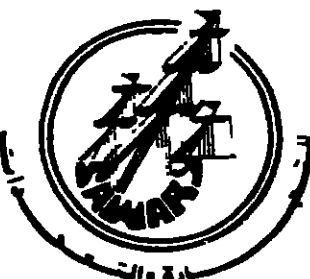
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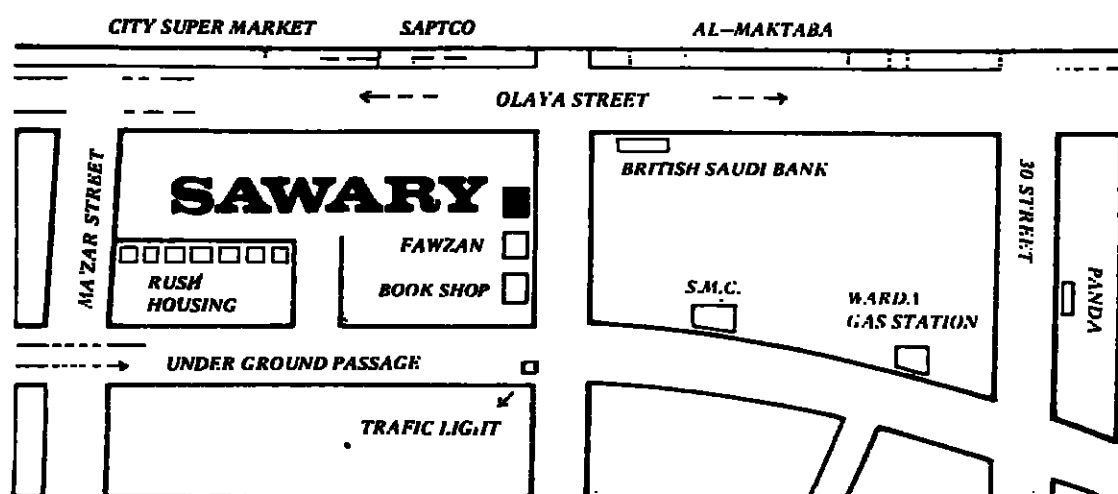
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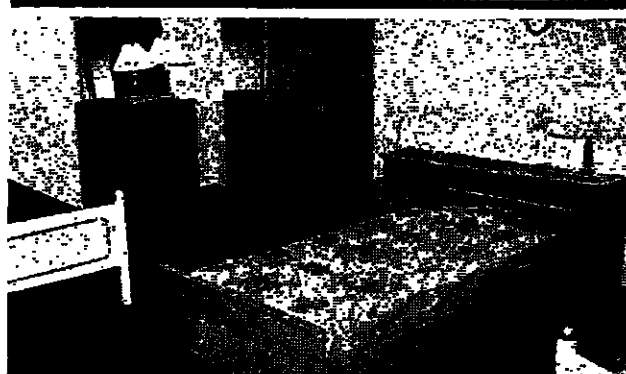
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America said hiking army aid to Greece

ATHENS, March 21 (R) — Two of Greece's most influential newspapers reported that the United States had made a sharply increased offer of military aid to Athens, paving the way for agreement on U.S. military bases here.

Five-month-old talks on the bases resumed Friday night, after a week's deadlock said to have been caused by the military aid issue. Greek officials made clear that the resumption followed an American initiative.

Both the center-left newspaper *To Vima* and the conservative *Kathimerini*, which have accurately predicted development on the bases in the past, said a new accord on the bases could be signed by the end of April, thanks to the increased U.S. offer.

Kathimerini, in a report from Washington, quoted State Department sources as saying the United States had now agreed to keep a ratio of seven to 10 — a long-standing Greek demand — in military aid to Greece and its historical rival Turkey. *To Vima*, quoting Greek Foreign Ministry officials, said U.S. negotiator Reginald Bartholomew had made offers of military aid worth more than \$500 million to Foreign Undersecretary Ioannis Kapsis, head of the Greek negotiating team.

The only official comment on Saturday's meeting between Kapsis and Bartholomew came from a Greek spokesman who said each

side had finished setting out its negotiating position and the two men would meet again Tuesday.

Earlier this year, President Ronald Reagan outraged Greek public opinion by proposing that aid to Turkey rise to \$930 million next year from \$765 million in 1983, with assistance to Greece pegged at this year's level of \$280 million. Greece's Socialist government has said all forms of military aid to Turkey, including that designated as "economic", must be included in any calculation of a seven-to-10 ratio.

Assuming the U.S. Congress approves the aid proposal to Turkey, aid to Greece would have to be at least \$650 million for the proportion to be maintained. Informed sources said Greece had demanded military aid worth a billion dollars if the bases were to stay. They said Greece wanted the Hawkeye or the more sophisticated AWAC early warning system to monitor planes entering its air space.

Both newspapers said a personal approach to the American government by Greek President Constantine Karamanlis had helped to break the impasse. *To Vima* correspondent Panos Loukakos said U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz might visit Greece in late April, to coincide with the signing of any new agreement.

Apart from the military aid issue, Greece and the United States face decisions on whether or not a new agreement will include a provision for the bases' possible withdrawal, and how much control Greece will have over their activities.

3 Indian states form united front

NEW DELHI, March 21 (AFP) — Three opposition-ruled states in South India decided to form a united front to take up administrative, economic and other problems with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's federal government. The three states are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Kerala is the only state in the south of the country now ruled by Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party.

The Press Trust of India reported that the "historic" decision to form the front called "Council of Southern States' Chief Ministers" was announced at a joint conference in Bangalore, the Karnataka state capital, by the three heads of administration involved after a meeting.

They, however, made it clear that their decision was not "political" or a confrontation against the federal government. It was directed to establish cooperative federalism under the constitution.



ROYAL VISIT: Prince Charles, Princess Diana and their son Prince William arrive in Alice Springs, Australia, on Sunday.

Di answers kids' questions

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia, March 21 (AP) — Princess Diana looked sunburned Monday after her three-hour sunbath in the blistering heat of Central Australia. Diana arrived Sunday at Alice Springs with Prince Charles and nine-month-old Prince William on their four-week official visit.

The 21-year-old princess was clearly nervous before the microphone as she gave her first radio interview, answering submitted questions to Buckingham Palace from children in the remote outback who are taught by radio.

Diana giggled rather nervously and let Prince Charles do most of the talking. Eight children got an answer. The only question officials said was refused was, "do you sleep in a double bed?"

The princess said that Prince William has got six teeth and is not crawling. "He has

got all the right movements but he hasn't done it yet," she said. Asked about a pony for her son, Diana replied: "He will probably have a Shetland one day."

As for his son's education, Prince Charles said it has not been discussed in detail yet. "I think it is important to find out what sort of character he is first," he said.

Prince Charles later drew a laugh from a watching crowd in Alice Springs when he referred to the "ubiquitous Australian fly" that welcomed his son to the country when it settled on William at the airport Sunday.

Five deaf and dumb aboriginal children who had practiced the sign language to say "hello Prince Charles" were disappointed when the royal couple who had not been warned in advance walked straight past them as they left the radio building. One child, a girl, was in tears.

Charles's valet publishes memoirs

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — The memoirs of Prince Charles' former valet, Stephen Barry, just published in the United States, are expected to earn him 250,000 pounds (\$370,000) — but there is no sign of the book appearing in Britain. *The Daily Express* reported Monday.

Opposition from Queen Elizabeth II has so far deterred British publishers from issuing the book. *Service Royal*, said gossip columnist William Hickey.

Like other royal servants, Barry, 34, is assumed to have taken a secrecy oath before starting work at Buckingham Palace. However, the *Express* reported his American publisher, Lucianne Goldberg, as saying the palace could not produce any such document

when challenged over its efforts to prevent publication.

The newspaper said Barry is off to the United States on a nine-month tour "to make a full-time living from the publicity circus over his book on life with the royals." Barry was in Charles' service for 12 years and left after the prince married Lady Diana Spencer in 1981.

After one recent instalment of an account of backstairs life at the palace by a young stores clerk who formerly worked there, the palace stopped the series in *The Sun*, a London tabloid. Officials secured a high court injunction against further publication by citing the secrecy oath.

Gandhi sweeps prizes

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — Sir Richard Attenborough's *Gandhi* swept the honors at the British Academy Awards Sunday night, winning the best picture and two acting awards for star Ben Kingsley.

In addition to collecting the top film award, Attenborough was named best director and Rohini Hattangady, who played Mahatma Gandhi's wife, was voted joint winner for best supporting film actress.

A star-studded audience of 2,000, including Princess Anne, applauded wildly all the awards to the British-made *Gandhi*.

Kingsley, who received both the best actor and outstanding newcomer to a leading film role awards, said: "My first award was for a newcomer to a great new British film industry and my second gives me even greater confidence in the industry."

Katherine Hepburn received the best actress award for her performance in *On Golden Pond* as she did in the American Academy Awards last year. Jack Nicholson was named best supporting actor for *Reds*.

The Costa-Gavras film *Missing* received the best screenplay award and the Italian-French movie *Christ Stopped at Eboli* won the best foreign film prize.

The other winner of the best supporting actress award was American Maureen Stapleton for her part in *Reds*.

Among those presenting the bronze mask statuettes at the 14th annual awards of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, were Barbara Streisand, Robert Wagner, Stephanie Powers and Lesley Caron.

Among other awards, Sir Alec Guinness was named television actor of 1982 for his role in the BBC production of the spy thriller *Smiley's People*. The best original song from a film was "Another Brick in the Wall" from the movie *Pink Floyd the Wall*.

Blade Runner won the best cinematography, best production design and best costume awards. The BBC's Falklands War coverage won the TV actuality coverage award.

Britain's 3.2 million unemployed had one award dedicated to them. After receiving the writer of the year accolade for his five-part TV series *The Boys From the Blackout* — about life on the dole in the port city of Liverpool — Alan Bleasdale said his award was for the unemployed "who are not supposed to count at a general election." The series was also voted best TV drama series.

Guatemala lifting emergency

GUATEMALA CITY, March 21 (AP) — President Efraim Rios Montt Sunday night repeated an offer of amnesty to leftist guerrillas battling his government for power and said a state of national emergency in effect since last July would be lifted Wednesday.

In his weekly television address, Rios Montt said all repressive measures limiting individual rights would be lifted on March 23, his first anniversary in power.

Rios Montt originally announced the amnesty and the lifting of the state of siege on March 13, a week after Pope John Paul II visited Guatemala and rebuked him for executing six men despite papal pleas for mercy. The six had been accused of political terrorism by special courts established by Rios Montt's government to try guerrillas caught in acts of subversion.

In Sunday night's speech, Rios Montt said "I ask God's pardon for what I have done and have stopped doing and which go against his commandments."

He said that his cabinet had agreed to "concede amnesty to all those who continue to illegally fight with arms, in order to take power with the intention of trafficking in the nation's interests."

But, he said, "those who want to violate the

rights of others ... should know once and for all they will lose their liberty."

He also said the laws which will restore the constitutional and political process in Guatemala will be made public Wednesday and that the army, which has been battling guerrillas centered in the country's northwestern provinces of the country, would return to their garrisons on the same day.

Meanwhile, the Guatemalan Jurists' Congress has urged the suppression of special courts, one of which condemned six young alleged subversives who were executed. AFP reports, Rios Montt has defended the special courts as necessary for the country's security.

The majority of the 300 jurists who met at Antigua, west of here, at the weekend said the law under which the courts were created contradicted the government's own basic principles of "respect for the law and the administration of justice."

Five persons were sentenced to death last week by the special tribunals, set up last July by the military regime to counter "subversion." Last September, 10 persons were executed by firing squad after being condemned to death by the courts, seven of them for belonging to a leftist organization and the other three for kidnapping and rape.

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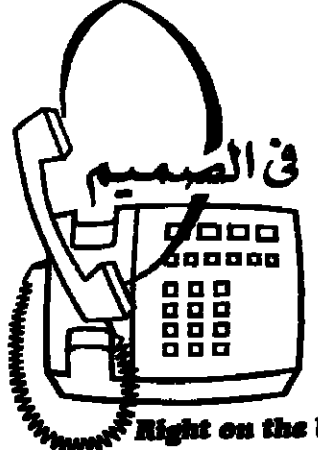
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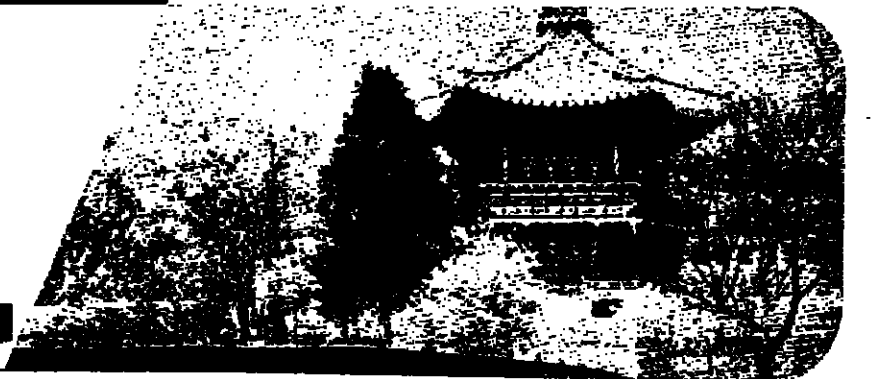
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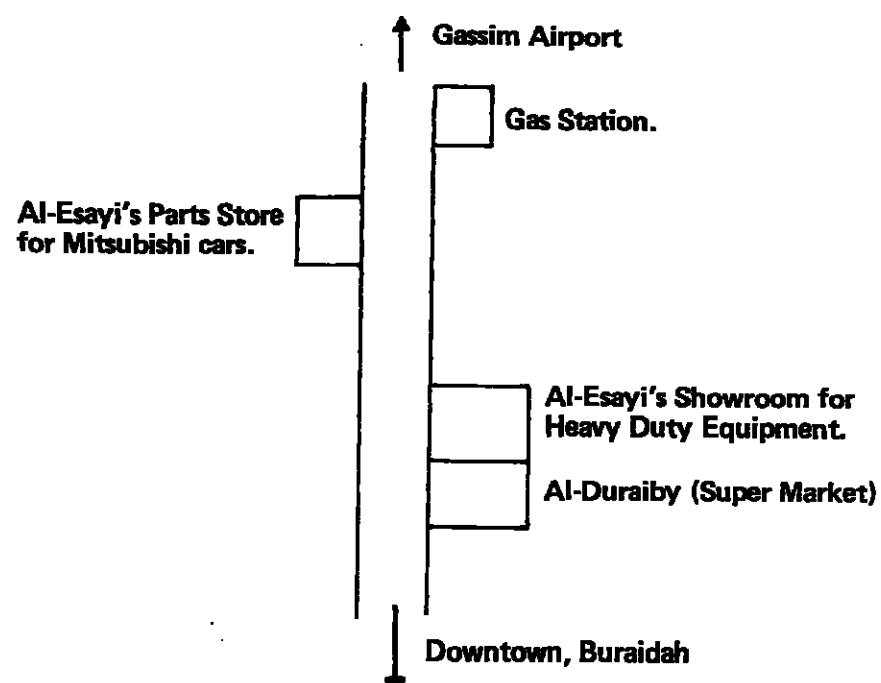
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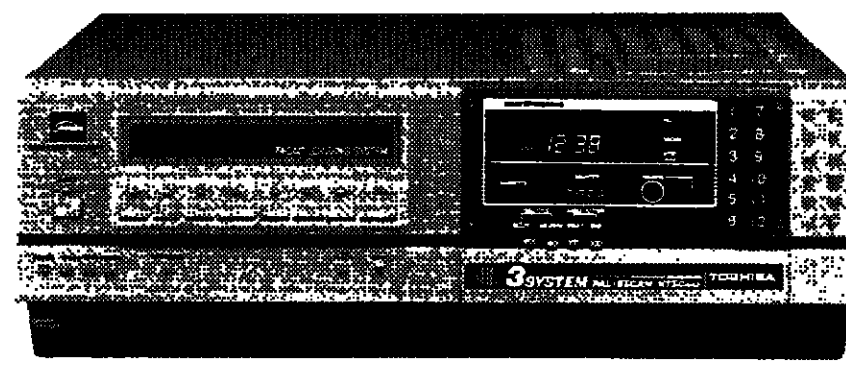
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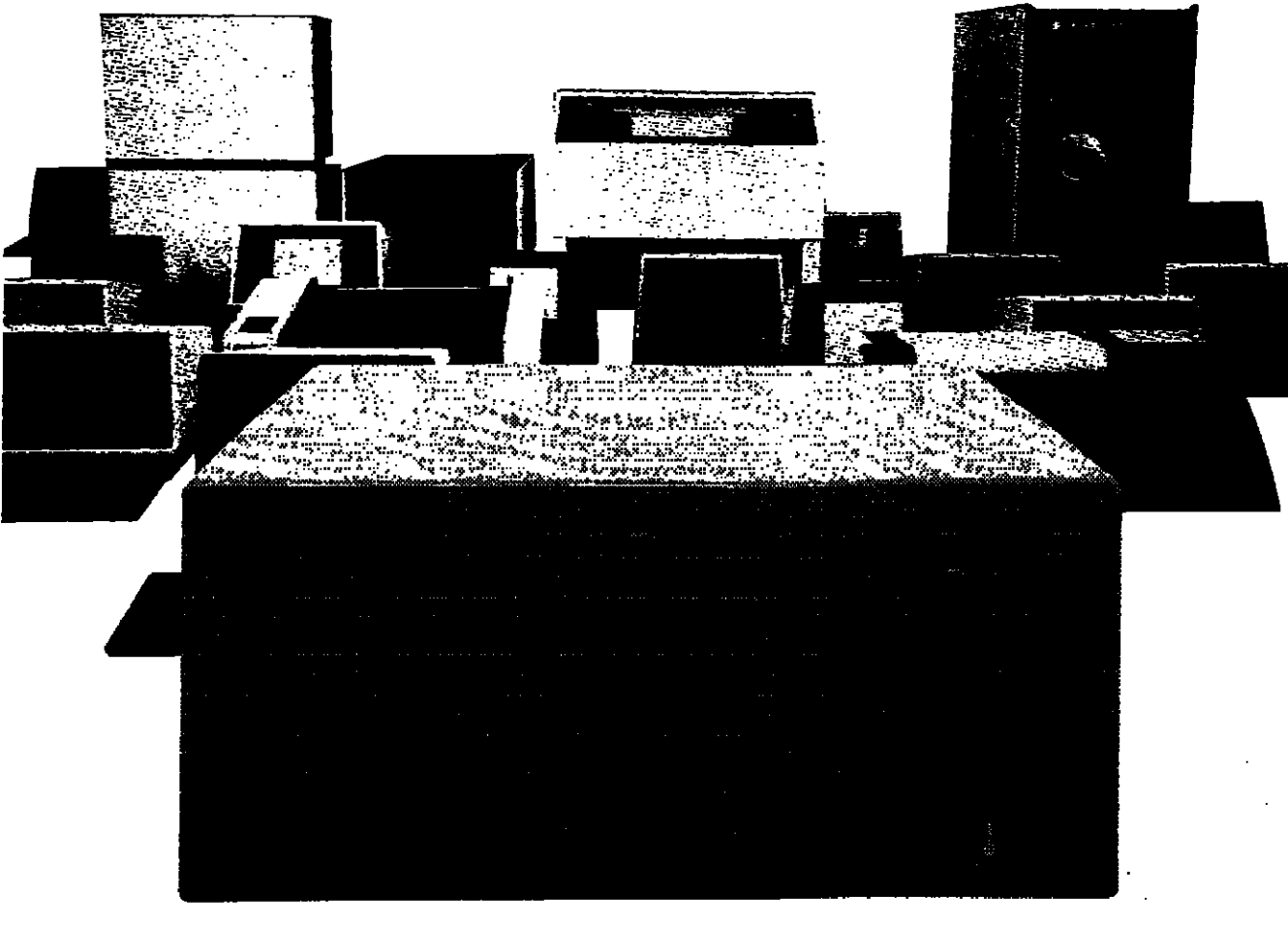
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It was the seventh realignment in four years which can be of little credit to the system, but even they were relatively easy affairs in comparison. The latest crisis saw the French threatening to quit the EMS altogether unless they had their way and there were times when it seemed that the Community's finance ministers would have to abandon their attempts to obtain agreement on new rates of exchange.

The heart of the problem for the Snake as it is called (currencies are allowed to wriggle, free-market style, to a limit of 2 1/2 per cent up or down of their fixed exchange rates), is that the economies of France and West Germany are no longer in harmony with each other. In West Germany, where a strict money policy has been followed, budget deficits are in control, whereas in France the situation is deteriorating.

These different policies have respectively put a strong upward pressure on the Deutschmark and a corresponding downward pressure on the franc. Had free market factors been allowed to operate, the Deutschmark would have risen well beyond the EMS's upper boundary limit while the franc would have dropped out at the other end.

Given this, both Paris and Bonn along with the other EMS members agreed that there had to be a realignment. The trouble was that both insisted it was for the other to act.

In Bonn's view, France's Socialist government had only itself to blame for the weakness of the franc and with its own highly export-oriented economy coming out of a recession the last thing it wanted was to price its products out of the international market by revaluing the Deutschmark too much.

For the French, however, it had become almost a matter of political pride not to be forced into a major devaluation. The problem was compounded by the fact that in the wake of recent elections there are still question-marks on just who is exactly going to be in government in Paris and Bonn.

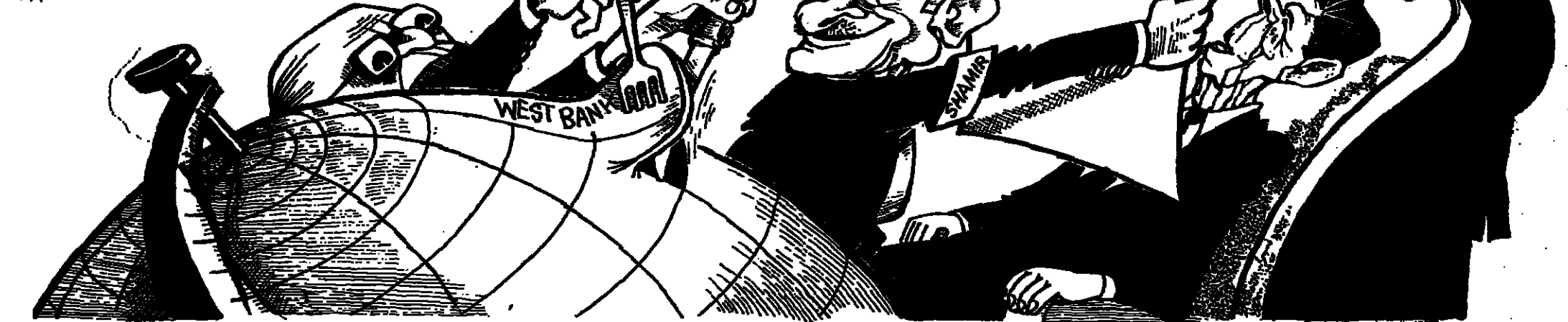
The French won — the Deutschmark has been revalued 5.5 percent compared to a much smaller devaluation of 2.3 percent for the franc — partly because the West German currency was far more overvalued than France's was undervalued, and partly because Bonn was sufficiently willing to compromise to keep the Snake alive.

Privately, however, the Germans have warned the French that they will have to cut back on their social expenditure experiments and go for austerity if they do not want to see a repetition of the crisis in a year's time.

In fact, President Mitterrand has, for the past week, been expected to replace Pierre Mauroy as prime minister, probably by Finance Minister Jacques Delors, and so bring in a more centrist government committed to austerity. The highly respected foreign trade minister, the Gaullist Michel Jobert, has already resigned in anticipation of a reshuffle, which is expected now to come tomorrow.

However, a measure of austerity in France is not going to change the fundamental imbalance in economic policies that now exists between Paris and Bonn. And without a convergence of policies, there can be no convergence of currencies.

A peaceful future for the EMS looks decidedly unlikely then — at least during the next two years or so. Certainly if the franc has any more problems, the West Germans are going to be far less accommodating.



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WASHINGTON —

The Zionists are determined the world will never forget the holocaust. When they use that word holocaust, they want you and others to think of Hitler, not of Begin and Sharon.

The Zionists succeeded in America, in that they have convinced the people there is no genocide of Palestinians and other Arabs: that the only genocide happened in the 1940s. Ironically, as Zionists increase the tempo of today's holocaust against innocent Arab civilians and continue their massive expansionist invasions of Arab land, the Zionists of the United States simultaneously increase the tempo of their sanctification of the holocaust of the 1940s.

As part of this sanctification, the U.S. government (which is to say, a Zionist-dominated legislative body) has allocated two large, vacant brick buildings southeast of the Washington Monument and adjacent to the national Mall for a \$30 to \$40 million holocaust museum. The decision to place the memorial museum so prominently, plus its large scale and the official status conferred by its congressional mandate, represent an extraordinary American commitment to Zionism.

The only other memorial on this scale is Israel's Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, a vast memorial to victims of the Nazi concentration camps, where, according to Israeli writer Boaz Evron, each important visitor to the Jewish state is taken in order to acquire "the proper feeling of ritual guilt that is required of him." Elie Wiesel, an American Jew, is chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, an independent federal agency set up by Congress in 1980 to raise private funds to create the memorial museum. The 65-member council, headed by Wiesel, is composed of Jewish business leaders as well as Jewish members of Congress who planned the memorial, and secured an \$820,000 federally funded budget for this year. The council now asks Congress to donate \$1,953,000 for its 1984 budget. The General Services Administration (GSA) "donated" the two large brick buildings to house exhibits designed to evoke horrors of the Nazi holocaust.

For "his help" in donating the two GSA buildings, the council gave an award to GSA administrator, Gerald P. Carmen, a Jewish American. Receiving his award, Carmen responded (according to a transcript), "From evil and from disaster and from all those types of things, good things do come. And if I can just be a non-government official and just be a Jew for a moment, I think that those years that we were growing up in America (during the Nazi holocaust) and that trauma that we all went through did a lot for us (to help us) very personally know how much democracy means and how much freedom means." He said the memorial will "be held as a symbol of what can happen when (we) let down our guard."

Transfer of the buildings to the holocaust council

Marcos and the press

Sir,

In reply to the comment of Joseph Nicado on "press" freedom in the Philippines, (*Arab News*, March 16), I would like to say the following:

When martial law was declared in 1972 by President Ferdinand Marcos, newspapers, radio and TV stations were closed. They were, however, subsequently allowed to resume operation under the management of legitimate businessmen — whereas before they were being managed by businessmen-politician-oligarchs who have been responsible for widespread corruption and monopoly of powers in the government that ultimately endangered national security.

These establishments were converted into free and independent vehicles of information rather than tools for power and influence exclusively for the rich. Whether the managers or proprietors of these establishments now are related to President Marcos or not does not matter as long as they serve the purpose of society. Personalities should not be given much significance.

The Philippines press is still one of the freest in the world. The free and unmoored circulation of seven newspapers and magazines critical of the Marcos administration and the negative views aired in our radio and television stations are authentic proofs of this assertion.

Upon learning of the so-called "coercive investigation" of the National Investigation Board, of the media personalities, Marcos ordered that the board be disbanded and immediately issued guidelines to safeguard newspaper personalities.

The World Bank has been helpful to developing nations and not only to the Philippines. One of its purposes is to render financial assistance and the loans granted to the Philippines are for developmental purposes. To make charges therefore, that will create doubts on its integrity is unfair and unjust.

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will be announced officially — perhaps by President Reagan — during what the Zionists call Days of Remembrance of the Nazi holocaust April 10 through 17, when nearly 20,000 concentration camp survivors are expected to meet in Washington.

By such tactics, the Zionists conspire to keep all Americans in the Hitler era. They want Americans to base decisions today on what happened in 1940-45. The Israeli writer Boaz Evron examines "the use made of the holocaust as a means of propaganda" as well as the damaging effect he believes this has had on the Jewish people, on the state of Israel, and most of all on Israel's relations with the outside world.

In a June 1980, issue of the literary review *Filun* 77, published in Tel Aviv, Evron reminds his readers that the Jews were not the only victims of the Nazi holocaust. The Nazis also exterminated millions of Slavs (3 million non-Jewish Poles and an even greater but unknown number of Russians), to say nothing of the gypsies. Evron observes that in the 1940s the fate of the Jews, however frightful, was not unique.

Evron thinks the Zionists have made a great mistake by trying to "monopolize" the Nazi holocaust as a purely Jewish experience, and he points out that this strengthens what he calls the "paranoiac reaction" of some Jews, who feel themselves "cut off from humanity and its laws." This in turn, Evron says, may encourage some Jews, when they find themselves in positions of power, to misuse that power, treating non-Jews as "different" and so sub-human — this reflecting in their own behavior the attitudes of which they feel themselves to have been the victims.

During the first decade after the creation of the Jewish state, public awareness of the holocaust was fading in Israel. Those who had been living in Palestine knew of the holocaust only as a distant horror, while the mass of oriental Jews who flooded into Israel in the early fifties thought of it as a European phenomenon which had very little to do with themselves.

To speak, as Zionist leaders and propagandists do, of all Israelis as "those who survived," Evron writes, worse than misleading because it reinforces once again that sense of "otherness" by which Israeli Jews are encouraged to think of themselves and of their state as being fundamentally different from the rest of the world. Whether Jews are different and better, as the Zionists claim, or different and worse, as the Nazis claimed, the basic concept remains one of simple racism.

It was the Eichmann trial that reawakened memories of the holocaust and created, both inside and outside Israel, a new awareness of it. By using Eichmann as the symbol of the whole murderous tyranny which he represented, the trial was exploited in a coldblooded way as "a means of practical policy, aimed at practical gains," Evron writes, adding that while the Israelis achieved this aim, it led to an abnormal relationship with Germany which became the model for Israel's relationship with most of the countries of the West.

It was a relationship in which one party, Germany, because of its sense of guilt, was under an obligation to provide the other country, Israel, with every kind of moral and material support — and could expect nothing in return.

This, Evron believes, was very harmful to the Israelis because it constructed a kind of "political and economic glass house around Israel." As a result, "Israel, from the moment of its establishment, has never had to face up to the real forces operating in the world and to adapt its behavior accordingly." Israel's leaders constantly practice "moral blackmail" on the theme of the holocaust "in order to make their listeners feel guilty," Evron continues. They exercise the technique effectively on the Americans, despite the fact that United States Jews, as he says, "have enjoyed equal rights and freedom of religion since the days when the United States was still a British colony."

All of this leads the Israelis to "a strange moral blindness" which finds expression in double standards of moral behavior. Because the outside world is constantly portrayed as hostile to Israel and eager to persecute it, the Israelis are encouraged to believe themselves bound by no moral obligation to that outside world. The result, Evron continues, is that "we (Israelis), who base most of our claims on justice and the world's duty to 'those who survived,' regard ourselves as having the right to establish ties with the most oppressive regimes, to make arms deals with the worst nations, and we are also not deterred from oppressing the non-Jews living under our rule."

Because they do harbor guilt feelings over their failure to save the Jews from the Nazi holocaust, the Christian countries of the West have submitted to this moral blackmail and have supported Israel, as Evron says, "far beyond, and at times even against, their own legitimate national interests." He points out that none of Israel's leaders — and he sees no difference between Begin's "holocaust rhetoric" and that of Labor leaders — have known how to handle the Third World, because they "have had difficulty in finding any language in which to communicate with countries that have no guilt feelings toward the Jews." How, he asks, "can you accuse China of anti-semitism when the Chinese hardly know what Jews are?"

Evron warns his fellow-countrymen that time is running out. The stock of guilt feelings "is like a limited bank account that one keeps drawing on" and even the Jews in the diaspora are tired of it and "the mechanical way in which our leaders go on repeating this record shows that even they have ceased to believe in it."

The aim in harping on the holocaust, Evron concludes, is not to face up to the past "but to manipulate the present." Perhaps by plan, just prior to the announcement that the U.S. Congress was voting millions of dollars and donating choice buildings to house a memorial to Jewish victims of Hitler's holocaust, still another colossal television epic on the Nazi holocaust — this one produced at a cost of \$40 million, was shown throughout the United States.

Virtually every American over the age of 12 saw at least part of the week-long, 18-hour docudrama, *Time* magazine estimated. The series, "The Winds of War," was written by Herman Wouk, an orthodox Jew and a staunch Zionist with a son who serves in the Israeli navy. Without exception, Jews in the film are portrayed as warm, sensitive admirable people, while Wouk calls Palestine "a hellhole — full of flies, Arabs and disease."

The books written and produced on the holocaust must number in the thousands. Each week in *Editor and Publisher* magazine, three or four books are listed on the subject of the holocaust. The subject has been taken from every angle.

The books are meant to prick the world's conscience and indicate there remains a Nazi peril today. It would seem the theme is a favorite for writers of fiction and nonfiction, for television, the movies and the stage. A few examples include Arthur Morse, *While Six Million Died*; Lucy S. Dawidowicz, *The War Against the Jews, 1933-1945*; and Eli Wiesel, *One Generation After*.

There are a few other voices. One Jewish writer, Hannah Arendt, charged that "wherever Jews lived, there were Jewish leaders and this leadership, almost without exception, cooperated in one way or another, for one reason or another, with the Nazis."

And Ben Hecht's fully documented *Perfidy* details the Zionist cooperation in the annihilation of Hungary's 1 million Jews. Nevertheless, it seems the Zionists have convinced a majority in the Christian West that because Nazis persecuted, tortured and murdered Jews, the West must give carte blanche treatment to all Zionists, and that if one criticizes Israel or its policies one is somehow criticizing the religion of Judaism and its adherents, the Jewish people.

Christians have by and large accepted this tenet of Zionism. For instance, during a speech purporting to describe the Christian response to the Arab-Israeli confrontation, Lehigh University Professor A. Roy Eckardt concluded that "Christian anti-Zionism" could not be separated from "Christian anti-Semitism." The Zionists collect heavily because of Christian "guilt" — a feeling that they never allow them to forget. Many Christians in the Western world continue to make reparations for crimes against the Jews in which they felt they had shared, if only vicariously.

American bias in favor of Israel as opposed to Arabs in the Middle East comes as a result of the cult of anti-Semitism. The Christians are against those who are against the Jews. Because the Christians have been made acutely sensitive to the "guilt" of the holocaust and they do not want to be called anti-Semitic.

The meaning of the word Semitic indicates those who speak a Semitic language, which would include Arabs and Jews. To call someone anti-Semitic logically would mean that one did not like the people (Arabs and Jews) whose mother tongue was Semitic. In modern usage, however, the Jews, as well as Western Christians, take anti-Semitism to mean those who do not like the Jews.

The Arabs, of course, being Semitic, never refer to the term, anti-Semitic. The Arabs with whom I have talked, including Chairman Arafat of the PLO, carefully distinguish between Judaism and Zionism, and say they have no quarrel with the Jew as Jew.

The West, however, has not as yet made that distinction, nor have it shed their sense of guilt German chancellors including Konrad Adenauer, Ludwig Erhard and Willy Brandt have all acknowledged this sense of guilt, and with payments of billions in reparations and in restitution, Germany ranks second only to the United States in keeping Israel economically afloat.

An anti-Zionist Jewish rabbi, Elmer Berger, points out "Begin uses the holocaust constantly. He called suspension of strategic cooperation agreement between the United States and Israel 'anti-Semitic.' There is a constant Israeli allegation that the PLO wants to expel or kill all Jews. All references to the actions of the PLO is termed anti-Jewish. The former U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was called an 'anti-Semitic.' Also, De Gaulle and Arnold Toynbee. All you have to do is look at the Anti-Defamation League hit list to see how irresponsibly the charge is made. And the accusation, of course, is related to the orchestration of holocaust. Begin's slander of Helmut Schmidt is another example."

In the case of German Chancellor Schmidt, Begin had suggested that he should follow the example of his predecessor, Willy Brandt, and go down on his

knees at the site of the wartime Jewish ghetto in Warsaw, "to plead forgiveness for what his people and National Socialist (Nazi) rule did to my people."

According to Lucy Dawidowicz in *The War Against the Jews, 1933-1945*, the word "holocaust" comes through the Greek from the Hebrew word "olah," literally meaning "what is brought up," but signifying in Biblical texts a "burnt offering." When used in connection with Nazi genocide, it brings to mind pagan sacrifices to placate angry gods.

The anti-Zionist Jewish writer Dr. Alfred Lilienthal believes that Hitler and the Nazis gave the Zionists "a new religion (with) icons that are continuously invoked." United States foreign policy continues to be decided "on the basis of the total human revulsion toward Nazism." He adds:

"Citizens of the Western world, in particular the U.S., invariably judge the Middle East conflict, not by weighing Arab rights against Israeli rights, or even Palestinian grievances against Zionist grievances, but in terms of Hitler versus the Jews. In this context, the obvious emotional reaction of public opinion is to maintain blind adherence to Israel's position. The 'six million' serve as a constant rebuttal to any and all criticism of Israeli policies."

Zionists, Lilienthal charges, keep the vision of Hitler "dangling constantly" before the Americans. "Who can deny that holocaust mania has taken the place of Judaism — a tragedy indeed for this faith, for Jews, Palestinians and American foreign policy." He points to "an increasing sanctification of the holocaust, with an unparalleled outpouring of books, plays, films, features and news articles and television originals devoted to retelling the story of Nazi genocide. Zionists make use of the 'sanctification of the holocaust' as a weapon. Lilienthal states, adding that "when all else fails, the Zionists bring out the six million Jews killed during the Nazi holocaust. They remain the ultimate silencer."

"These six million quite literally are pulled from the ovens, propped up and pushed forward to confront any who might raise the slightest question or smallest voice of dissent. Hitler made reluctant Zionists out of many guilt-ridden Christians and assimilated Western Jews," Lilienthal continues. "As Hitler exploited the Jews, it is paradoxical that certain Jews should have exploited and up to this very moment are still very much intent upon exploiting Hitler for Zionist propaganda purposes. There has been an almost continuing conspiracy, fostered by an unholy alliance between the media and the Zionists, to keep us all in the era of 1940-45."

"It is the irrefutability of the holocaust as a fact of the past that has hamstringed the Christian world at large, and American Christians in particular. The insinuations of anti-Semitism, backed up by threats, are manipulated to co-opt the Christian and to tie him up, signed, sealed and delivered, for the Zionist-Israeli clique," Lilienthal concludes.

Meanwhile, American tax payers will pay millions of dollars to build a new memorial to Hitler's holocaust — while refusing to see Begin's holocaust of today.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 22, the 81st day of 1983. There are 284 days in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1622 — About 35 Virginians are killed in first Indian massacre of European colonists in North America.

1765 — England's parliament passes Stamp Act to raise revenue in American colonies.

1794 — U.S. Congress passes law prohibiting American ships from supplying slaves to other countries.

1917 — United States becomes first nation to recognize new provisional government in Russia.

1945 — Arab League is founded in Cairo, Egypt.

1946 — Britain recognizes independence of Trans Jordan.

1962 — Right-wing French terrorists attack government forces in Algiers.

1963 — United States attempts to mediate political dispute that threatens civil war in South Vietnam.

1964 — Anti-Muslim violence breaks out in India.

1972 — More than 70 persons in Belfast, Northern Ireland, are injured when bomb explodes in parking lot between the city's largest hotel and a railway station.

1974 — Peter Revson, 35, top U.S. racing driver, is killed in South Africa when car crashes during practice run for South African Grand Prix.

1981 — Polish labor leaders, following inconclusive talks with government, hold open possibility of general strike in response to police attacks on union members during previous week.

1982 — U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* blasts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on its third mission with two astronauts aboard.

Thought for today:
A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world — Prophet Muhammad.

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Six blacks shot by white policemen

Specter of racial violence haunts U.S.

MIAMI, (R) — The specter of another "long hot summer" of racial violence hangs over Miami following the deaths of six black men shot by six white Miami-area policemen in separate incidents in the past six months.

Four of the officers have been indicted for manslaughter and their approaching trials, sure to be highly publicized, could cause Miami's Liberty City, a sprawling black ghetto northwest of the city center, to explode into violence. The acquittal by an all-white jury in May 1981 of four white policemen accused of beating to death a black insurance salesman, after chasing and arresting him for a traffic violation, sparked four days of racial rioting in Liberty City. Eighteen persons were killed.

Last week black youths swarmed into the streets to pelt police and passing motorists with stones and bottles, although officials blamed rowdiness, rather than racial antagonism, for the incident. Last December, there was a lesser "civil disturbance" in another predominantly black area, Overtown, triggered by the fatal shooting in a video games arcade of 21-year-old Nevell Johnson by 32-year-old police officer Luis Alvarez — one of the officers now indicted on manslaughter charges by a Dade county grand jury.

Other officers indicted are: Thomas Pellicchio, a Metro-Dade county detective, who shot Ernest Kirkland, a black prison guard, after stopping him for alleged reckless driving in October last year; Nelson Uribe, a metro patrolman, who shot truck hijack suspect Anthony Nelson, also last October; and Robert Koenig, a metro patrolman, who shot Donald Harp, a passenger in a car stopped after a minor hit-and-run accident, on March 4.

A Miami police officer, who asked not to be named, predicted trouble when the cases came to court. "There is obviously the potential for disturbances if things don't work out the way certain people think they should be resolved. In the Alvarez case in particular you get the feeling that things have been reversed. It's like some of the blacks have a lynch mob mentality," he said.

In the other two fatal shootings, two policemen have been cleared already of wrongdoing. Police chiefs say they have no reason to believe racism was a factor in the shootings, but concede that officers' fear and inexperience may have been.

Two whites have also been shot dead by police in the past six months and officials say the number of police shootings in Miami on a per capita basis is not high by U.S. standards.

But there are special circumstances in the Miami area and, ironically, they stem at least in part from strenuous efforts by both the police to increase their overall strength and boost the number of black and other minority officers. "The city of Miami police department has excelled beyond every metropolitan police agency in the country in an overall comparison in its total commitment to the hiring and promoting of minorities," chief Kenneth Harms wrote in a recent report.

In December 1978, Harms' figures show, about two-thirds of 706 city officers were white, non-Latin males whereas in December last year only 410 of 1,038 were "Anglo" males. Blacks now comprise some 17 percent of the force, slightly above their proportion in the population as a whole. But a high percentage of new officers, especially blacks and Latinos, are in their early 20s, with less than two years of street experience. Thus Harms and other police chiefs place much of the blame for "questionable" shootings on inexperience, rather than racial prejudice.



CARTONS: A looter hauls away cartons of goods taken from a gas station in Miami's Liberty City during last week's disturbances. Below: Policemen use binoculars to check the area where violence took place in the wake of the shut-down on an open-air disco party in the city.

An emergency metro hiring program has put more than 250 Rookie officers onto the streets in each of the past three years. As the Dade county crime rate soared — due in large part to imported, murderous interethnic strife between South American drug merchants and their "cocaine cowboys" — many experienced officers were promoted from street duty to expanded homicide, robbery and other specialized units.

"The fear level, the apprehension level is really great — not just among the citizens but among the police too," the police chief of the Dade county force, Bobby Jones, said in a recent newspaper interview. "A lot of people in this community are carrying guns." But he added he now favors freezing or at least limiting the accelerated expansion of the metro force. "We need a little more breathing space," he said.

In almost all the recent shooting cases, the officers involved have told their superiors the suspects made sudden moves which could have meant they were reaching for guns. Whatever the juries decide, the police chiefs stress their men and women are trained to shoot to kill or disable if they believe lives are in danger. Officers do not fire warning shots, they say and advise the public to do exactly what they are told if stopped by police.



Free of contamination and vibration

Scientists visualize space as factories of future

By John Hilkirk

WASHINGTON — The most precious substances on earth someday may bear the label: "Made in Outer Space."

Vacuum worth \$1,400 a gram, near-perfect ball bearings and alloys that never existed could be produced up there in space, research scientists say.

Space enthusiasts expect to discover new treatments for diabetes, cancer, emphysema and hemophilia. They're sure zero-gravity outer space laboratories will do for manufacturing what commercial satellites did for communication.

"Outer space could give us cures or treatments that we just don't have now," said Ray Deffray, spokesman for McDonnell Douglas Corporation, a U.S. aerospace firm which has spent an estimated \$40 million on U.S. space shuttle experiments.

The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has identified 300 materials that could be combined chemically to create stronger, lighter-weight alloys. These include lead-aluminum, lead-tin and chromium-copper.

As a production center, outer space has several advantages. It's free of contamination and vibrations. The sun offers an unlimited supply of electrical energy.

And the weightlessness of space is attractive to metal and pharmaceutical manufacturers. Earth's gravity forces heavier molecules to the bottom of any mixture, making it difficult to combine substances.

In space, rare substances could be separated from blood and other materials.

Drugs or hormones produced in space eventually could treat millions of people worldwide, including cancer victims and diabetics at cheaper costs.

Companies outside medicine also are looking to space. Scientists representing the U.S. electronics firm TRW Inc. hope to make metals light enough to float. Westinghouse Corporation, an American manufacturing company, wants to produce ultrapure, bubble-free glass for lasers and telescopes. Microgravity Research Associates, Inc., a new Miami, Florida, company, thinks space laboratories would produce the world's best semiconductors for computers and other electronic devices because when they are

made on Earth, oxygen contaminates the silicon crystals that are sliced up into wafers to make semiconductors.

Only high-value, low-volume products like medicinal drugs and semiconductors are immediate candidates for outer space production, said Richard Brown, a NASA materials expert. Because experiments in the limited space aboard the shuttle cost \$3 million to \$6 million, even the best space ventures will take seven to eight years to pay off.

Those costs aren't expected to drop until an unmanned space laboratory is in orbit. "Right now, the market is very limited," Brown said. "But once we get two to three

winners (successful space experiments), the money will flow into this industry," making it possible to launch a full-scale laboratory many times larger than the space shuttle's.

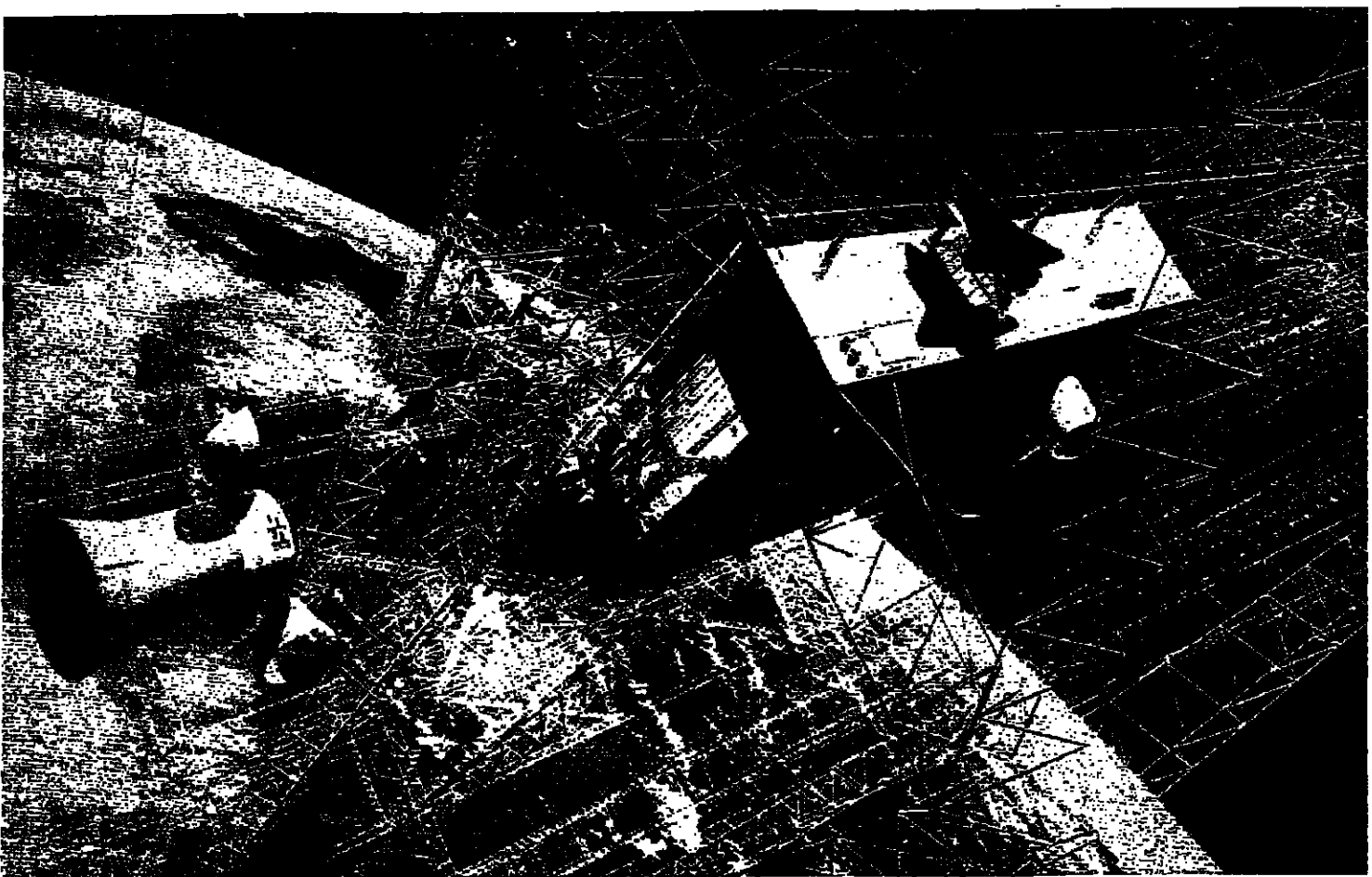
A recent experiment sponsored by McDonnell Douglas and Johnson & Johnson, to separate biological materials has, however, yielded conclusive results.

On the U.S. space shuttle *Columbia's* fourth flight, the companies' equipment used electricity to separate albumen and pure protein from a cell culture. The amount extracted was 453 times greater than in a similar but more difficult process on Earth. On an upcoming flight of the U.S. space shut-

tle *Challenger*, they hope to produce substances that are four times purer than possible on Earth.

If all goes well, McDonnell Douglas expects to invest in a full-scale space laboratory by the end of the decade, Deffray said. About 250 U.S. companies are interested in manufacturing products in outer space.

By the end of the decade, experimental studies conducted by U.S. companies aboard the space shuttles could prove that space manufacturing is commercially feasible for many different products, Brown said. (Courtesy: USA Today)



SPACE LABORATORIES: A space shuttle, in a simulated picture, docks at a huge construction facility in space, covered with thousands of hectares of solar cells to harness the sun's energy for transmission to receivers on earth.

A human inferno poses ethical issue

By Lee Rudakewych

NEW YORK — In a small town late at night a man sets himself on fire. Two television crewmen roll the camera for a crucial half-minute as he turns into a fireball before they try to save him.

In newsrooms and journalism classrooms around the country in the days that follow, veterans and teachers and students of journalism have been agonizing over questions posed by the incident — questions many say should have been settled ages ago.

What makes a story newsworthy? Does the meaningless act of a deranged mind qualify as news? Where does professional detachment end and common decency and common sense take over? How do journalists on the spot decide these things and should they?

In Jacksonville, Alabama, a college town of 10,000 persons, Cecil Andrews, a 37-year-old unemployed roof repairer, telephoned a local television station to announce he would put a torch to himself in protest against unemployment in America. The station called the police, who searched the area, found no one, and left.

Minutes later when cameraman Ronald Simmons, 30, and soundman Gary Harris, 18, drove up Andrews appeared, soaked in lighter fluid. Simmons and Harris talked to Andrews a few minutes, hoping the police would show up. Then, as Andrews struck a match and put it to his chest, they rolled the camera. It took Andrews three matches to get a fire going. When the flame soared up his body — and the video camera had it on tape — Harris rushed over and tried to save the man.

The fire was eventually put out and Andrews, burned over half his body, is recovering in hospital. The camera recorded 37 seconds of the drama and parts were shown on television. Newspapers around the world followed up the story and even the Soviet newspaper *Pravda* sent a reporter. The story also raised touchy moral and ethical issues in the news profession, questions the press is loth to examine until they crop up.

Simmons and Harris say their consciences are clear, that they only did their job, "to

record events as they happen." Their news director Phil Cox, 30, insists he sent them not to get a story but "to see if we could intercept the man and help him" and to assist police. Jacksonville police chief Paul Locke, 35, says there was no such understanding.

Journalists safely distant from the story expressed mixed feelings of dismay and sympathy with the way Simmons and Harris handled themselves. "I am appalled," journalism teacher Carol Outcrop said at Kent State University in Ohio. "I am speechless. Good Grief."

"Would he (Andrews) have done it without the camera present" she wondered. "I think that is one of the many unanswerables. When you cover that kind of story, is some other poor, sick nut going to hurt himself?"

Hodding Carter, who was state department spokesman in the Carter administration and is now a commentator on journalism for public television, said: "My first instinctive reaction is that the human being does not live by a higher code than the code of human beings. My second reaction is that the average journalist who says that, and claims that he is always guided by that, is a hypocrite. The first reaction of a journalist is to go get the story, no matter what it is."

Still, Carter said, the press should make "some concerted effort to define what a journalist ought and ought not to do."

"We write long and bitter editorials that lawyers, doctors and other professionals lack ethical standards," he said. "But we have, in some ways, greater power over life and death, and yet we are unwilling to subject ourselves to a code."

The former president of CBS news disagrees. "The only thing you can do," Fred Friendly said "is to educate — to make people think before they act. You cannot make rules. It is an education problem."

Friendly, now a journalism professor at Columbia University here, found "no redeeming social value" in the Andrews misadventure because "what one deranged person does has no meaning at all." The television station, he added, displayed profoundly poor taste in airing film of a man mutilating himself.

Taiwan launches drive to reverse brain drain

By a Special Correspondent

TAIPEI (LOS) — For 30 years many of the best and brightest students from Taiwan have gone to the United States to study. Only 15 percent have ever returned. The rest, maybe 200,000, most of them in science and technology, have remained and flourished in their new country. Now the Taiwanese government is trying to lure them back to their motherland.

They are seen as the key to developing what the government has designated one of the five strategic industries — computers. The other four are machinery, transportation, electronics and electrical goods.

Computer exports have leapt from almost nothing five years ago to over \$200 million last year; the main items are home computers, peripherals and computer parts and programs. The export target for this last item is \$3.2 billion by 1989 — 2 percent of the estimated world market at that time.

The computer industry has been designated a strategic one because its chief requirement is not raw materials, in which Taiwan is very poor, but manpower, with which it is well endowed. This country has one of the highest percentages of college graduates in the world. Yet the earnings of computer engineers and technicians here are only about a third of those with similar qualifications in Japan, the U.S. and Europe.

There is no doubt about the market for computers and related products. Sales of personal computers in the U.S., for example, rose from \$1.8 billion in 1980 to just under \$5

billion last year. To get a share of that market and to attract some of the scientists back home, the government has established an industrial park for high-technology firms in Hsinchu, 45 miles from the capital.

Forty-one firms have been given approval to set up there, and 26 have already done so, employing 1,600 persons with a total foreign investment of \$70 million. Sales are running at \$4 million a month.

Nearly all of the firms have been set up by Taiwan specialists who have come back from the U.S. As part of the campaign to woo more back from America, a school using English as the teaching medium is to be set up for families whose children have grown used to the U.S. school system.

The government hopes the living and working environment available in Taiwan will be good enough to compensate for the smaller financial rewards.

The country's relatively late entry into the computer field means it produces small items. The big, mainframe computers, such as used in government departments or banks, are nearly all imported. Taiwan's future lies in home computers, components and programs.

This is evidently the belief of two American firms, Atari and Key Tronic, which recently chose Taiwan for the manufacture of home computers and computer terminals respectively. Key Tronic's president, Lewis Zirkle, said: "In the next few years half of the terminals of American computers will probably be made in Taiwan, with the manufacturing cost 30 percent less than in the U.S. and 15 percent less than in Japan."



BREAST SURGERY: WHY CAN'T DOCTORS AGREE?

By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I have breast cancer. I'm faced with an important decision. Shall I have the entire breast removed? Or, shall I have only the lump removed and be treated with radiation? I'm confused because my doctors seem confused. One suggests that I have a mastectomy. But my family doctor says that I'll have equally good results by having a lumpectomy (removal of the lump and saving the breast) and treated by radiation. As matters stand, they've left the decision to me. Now why should I be the one to decide? Why can't doctors make up their minds? — Mrs. L.

Dear Mrs. L.: We still don't have the definite answer about what's best. Not until the past few years has there been a choice. When cancer of the breast was diagnosed, mastectomy was the only answer. Fortunately, now there is a choice. Some studies have shown the new treatment produces equally good results. The lump itself is removed (lumpectomy) and radiation therapy is instituted. This usually consists of about six weeks of radiation therapy to the breast tumor site and also to the armpit glands. In addition, needles with radioactive material are inserted into the tumor area.

Only time will tell us which method of treatment is most satisfactory. At present, mastectomy is the usual choice. However, I do not believe you should bear the additional burden of having to make the decision, Mrs. L. If your doctors disagree, ask for consultation. If lumpectomy is the choice, it should bring you some emotional relief to know that it may save your life as well as save your breast.

MEDICALITIES

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: It will be our first child. My husband is crazy about having a boy. He can't wait to find out. What do you think of amniocentesis? — Mrs. F.

Dear Mrs. F.: I do not believe that amniocentesis should be performed for curiosity's sake. Your husband will know soon enough whether it's a boy or girl. But the procedure does have its place when there's a need to know if there's a serious genetic problem.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: The doctor has discovered that my blood sugar is higher than normal. I've heard that aspirin lowers the sugar level. How about my taking an aspirin or two a day to prevent diabetes? — Mrs. R.

Dear Mrs. R.: It's possible that aspirin may lower the level a little. But you'd need to take much more of it to make an impact. Besides you'd probably have an irritated stomach lining with bleeding if you took a handful of aspirins a day. Incidentally, I'm not aware that any amount of aspirin will prevent diabetes. So better not believe everything you hear, Mrs. R.

For Mrs. J.: You are not alone in finding pleasure in taking snapshots of your very young grandchildren. But be warned: Don't get too close, especially to a newborn. Flashbulbs may produce retinal damage (back of eye) and seriously harm the child's vision. Keep at least one yard away — which lessens the intensity of the light.

(Tomorrow: Pesticides and mental disorders)

Nimatullah affirms

Saudi-IMF link a boon to Third World

By Magda Abu Fadl
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 21 — Amid increased international economic crisis and falling oil prices, Saudi Arabia has been pushing for a more active role by the International Monetary Fund in assisting developing countries obtain much-needed loans.

Despite mounting criticism by the U.S. government and media editorialists that a larger American contribution to the fund's resources is an ill-conceived move, IMF officials are determined to push forth with its expanded lending facilities.

A key figure in the fund's troubleshooting efforts is the executive director for Saudi Arabia, Yussuf Nimatallah. The former economics professor and financial adviser to the Saudi minister of finance and Sultan of Oman, holds a doctorate in monetary economics from the University of Massachusetts.

Saudi prominence began officially in 1979 when the Kingdom became a board member of the IMF. It fulfilled the requirement of lending the institution enough funds to qualify as a major creditor and was granted a seat in November 1978.

The "appointed seat" elevated Saudi Arabia to the sixth position among the list of major lenders. It had previously been a member of the Arab group then represented by Syria.

In an interview with *Arab News*' sister publication *Asharq Al-Awsat*, Dr. Yussuf Nimatallah described the Saudi contribution to the fund and its effect in changing basic monetary policies.

Q: What distinguishes the Saudi contribution from its quota at the fund?

A: We had a small quota back in 1979, which is only because of lending. But contribution is different. We lent enough to enable Saudi Arabia to get the seat. A seat is different from voting — we had a small vote (and quota). Our quota was increased drastically in 1981 to put us in the sixth position among 146 members, and the vote increased to 3 1/2 %.

Q: How did that translate into influence on the board?

A: The nice feeling about it is that we never got anything for Saudi Arabia, but from the fact that we got a great deal of understanding from the industrial countries for the case of the developing countries.

Q: What tangible benefits resulted from these changes?

A: Enlarging the access of the developing countries to the resources of the fund, because member countries cannot borrow more than their quota, which is the yardstick, unlike the World Bank where there's no limitation on borrowing.

Q: The U.S. has come under attack domes-

tically for demands to increase its contribution while its voice diminishes in policy determination. Is that justified?

A: The U.S. cannot increase or decrease its contribution alone. It has approximately a 20 % position in the contribution to the total capital of the fund. That gives them nearly 20 % of the votes. Nobody can change that. Only



Yussuf Nimatallah
the total resources of the fund can be increased or decreased.

Q: What led to the divergence in views?

A: Some countries have not been putting their house in order effectively, therefore they were thought not to deserve more resources. Also, there has been criticism and pressure on the Reagan administration from Congress saying "we have problems at home" and need money in the US (particularly since lending ceilings go up and there are no perceived results).

Q: What about lending to countries like Brazil and Mexico which are considered prime risks for default?

A: What is happening, with the help of the IMF is the following: There are usually four parties to putting their house in order. Countries like Mexico must be brought forward to accept a commitment to remedy the situation according to a program designed by the IMF.

Q: But commercial banks are involved and fear great losses from extending more credit that will not be repaid.

A: The banks that were hasty at times in lending and less selective in their lending must be brought into the picture by giving slightly more loans to these countries to enable them to move forward until they implement the programs of adjustment with the fund and start repaying the banks. There has to be coordination and cooperation.

Q: It was suggested that Saudi Arabia participate in alleviating the pressure on commercial banks. How would it be involved?

A: Some industrial countries and Saudi Arabia came into the picture to lend the borrowers through "bridge financing". The need for such a process is because it takes our staff, board and the governments involved some time to design meticulously-detailed programs: how to reduce inflation, how to control spending, etc. To design an implementable program takes 10-12 weeks.

Q: Banks have been accused of bad judg-

ment and over-extension of credit to defaulting countries.

A: The program designed by the IMF is to give those countries a seal of approval. The initial period of implementation is very difficult. If you interrupt anything suddenly, everybody gets hurt.

Q: What if the proposed increases for the US contribution to the fund don't go through Congress? Would Saudi Arabia pick up the slack?

A: It can't be Saudi Arabia only. This happened once before, in the last review. The US was late in approving its contribution. The legislation was delayed. So the executive board gave the US an extension of the period of consent.

Q: Then you're not worried about the US relinquishing its position of preeminence?

A: The US could never let go of its position. Everybody else would be happy to fill in. The contribution can be distributed pro rata on all the countries to fill in the gap. That would send the position of the US on the board way down. And they (US) like to keep a veto power position. What you see now is probably tactics of the Congress.

Q: US veto power has come under attack by less powerful countries who feel short-changed. Can they change that at all?

A: Fund conditionality is supposed to be strict in a way. Industrial countries think it's good because it's the only organization left to make sure that countries put their house in order to improve their credit worthiness and then become able to borrow on their own from other (commercial) sources.

Q: When the pinch is on for borrowing countries you may have political ramifications. Doesn't that exacerbate matters?

A: There Saudi Arabia played a good role in trying to introduce flexibility in the way the fund puts its conditions. The fund has learned to back up a little and waver some of the conditions when they find them too severe.

Q: But what about the dominating position?

A: That was meant to be from the beginning and there are decisions that cannot be taken unless they are based on 85 % of the votes. You can't that if one member has 20 % Even if the US share goes below 20 % it usually works with other European industrial countries in a way that they muster together a majority vote without any difficulty.

Q: Do you approve of the setup?

A: We in Saudi Arabia are not complaining because when we joined, that was the way it was. We signed an agreement with the Fund knowing the structure of the vote.

Q: How do you see Saudi Arabia's role emerging in the future of the IMF?

A: We'll probably continue to play the same effective role. Contributing to resources is a different matter. We're content that we're number 6.

W. Germany set to enter computer era

BONN, March 21 (AFP) — State premiers have signed an agreement here effectively taking West Germany on Sept. 1 into the computer era, which critics claim will cause mass unemployment.

Trade union leaders in banks, insurance companies and business firms estimate that the computer will rob 2.5 million persons of their jobs.

There is little doubt that 100,000 men and women employed by bookmakers and football pools will be thrown out of work.

West Germans will be able to buy a computer for 9,000 marks (\$1,285) and make bank transfers, ticket reservations.

The "Bildschirmtext" (BTX) system which has been in use in West Berlin and Duesseldorf for the past three years will be extended to the rest of West Germany.

One million subscribers are expected to be using the BTX system by 1986. The BTX system is based on Britain's "Viewdata" system perfected 10 years ago. It enables a computer subscriber to consult a central memory bank operated by the West German postal authorities.

Cost of the service is a modest eight marks (about \$3) a month. Some critics are worried that personal details, like bank accounts, will be available to third parties through the computer, but Uwe Barschel, premier of Schleswig-Holstein, assured citizens tempted by the convenience that "the system is 100 percent safe."

W. Africa lags in rice output

ROME, March 21 (AFP) — Recent efforts to develop rice production in West Africa have not been as successful as they should have been, experts have been telling an international conference at Vercelli, northern Italy.

The experts, representing some 40 countries in the inter-governmental rice group of the Food and Agriculture Organization, have been studying in a week-long session a detailed report from the West African Rice Development Association.

The conclusions of the report are fairly pessimistic on the capacity of the countries concerned to satisfy a growing demand for rice, which still ranks behind millet, sorghum and maize.

Average consumption per capita in the 13-member states of the association — Benin, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, the Ivory Coast, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo and Upper Volta — has risen from 12 kilos (26 pounds) 20 years ago to 18 kilos (39 pounds).

After showing speed in fund-raising Dhaka puts aid in 'cold storage'

By Alamgir Hossain

DHAKA, March 21 (Depthnews) — Bangladesh goes shopping for foreign aid every year, but huge inventories of aid goods are left unused because of faulty government planning.

Authoritative estimates have placed the volume of unused foreign aid at 99 percent of the total annual foreign assistance channeled into Bangladesh.

The backlog involves mainly project and commodity assistance. Food aid remains the fastest moving items in the foreign aid inventory, but even food distribution was seriously flawed until local recipients virtually ganged up on aid administrators to improve their distribution system.

The pressure on the aid officials resulted in a more systematic distribution system, but still 10 percent of the annual food aid is left untouched in the storehouses by the time these commodities are supposed to have been given to intended beneficiaries.

The main problem of utilization concerns project and commodity assistance. Development projects, for which the commodity aid requires a long gestation period, sometimes years, before an aid package can be fully utilized. In the case of project aid, only about one to two percent is utilized in a year's time, while the disposal rate of commodity assistance ranges from 20-22 percent.

The inability of the government to take full advantage of project aid has caused disappointment among the aid-giving countries as well as the Bangladeshis.

Bangladeshi officials admit that the slow rate of implementation of foreign-assisted development projects is eroding the confidence of aid-givers in the capability of the government to implement the projects according to agreed timetables, and, consequently, making it more difficult for Dhaka to negotiate for further assistance.

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U.S. aide sees oil price falling

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AFP) — Market forces might drive oil prices even lower than the new levels set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) this month, according to U.S. Energy Secretary Don Hodel.

But he warned in an interview published in the latest edition of the magazine *U.S. News and World Report* that "the ultimate direction of oil prices appears to be up," particularly with the prospect of world economic recovery.

Hodel said the current OPEC oil price of \$29 a barrel could slump a further \$4 in the short term because of "a combination of weak demand and excess capacity in oil-producing countries."

However, he added: "If there is a sharp increase in oil consumption once the economy is turning at full speed again, then the current excess oil capacity would be pretty much absorbed in a couple of years."

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Promoting farm exports

U.S. trade mission to visit U.K., M.E.

WASHINGTON, March 21 (R) — U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block will lead a trade mission to Britain and the Middle East this week hoping to expand exports to countries that buy American farm produce worth more than \$1 billion a year.

The trade delegation leaves Washington Tuesday for meetings with government and industry leaders in Britain, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Egypt and Turkey. Block's aides said the purpose of the trip would be to develop new markets for U.S. farm exports, which had been hard-hit for the second year in a row by the world recession and burdensome stocks in major producing countries. They said he might also announce below-market credits to finance agricultural sales to Egypt, the largest recipient of U.S. food aid, and to Tunisia.

Arriving in London Wednesday, Block plans to discuss farm trade disputes with the European Community at a conference on the world grain situation, and then at a meeting with the British minister on agriculture, Peter Walker.

The officials said he would state the U.S. position objecting to the community's farm subsidies but would not unveil any new initiatives.

Block will meet government and industry leaders in Tunis Friday to discuss Tunisia's economic development program and possible uses of U.S. credit and agricultural technology. He will have talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo two days later, reviewing the terms of the sale of one million tons of U.S.-subsidized flour to Egypt.

The officials said he would emphasize that the deal contained a clause giving the United States the first chance to make any additional flour sales over the next year. France, upset over the U.S. deal, recently sought to make its own large sale but failed to reach an agreement.

Block's next stop will be Riyadh. The officials said the U.S. might discuss a poultry deal with the Kingdom. The officials said the last part of the trip would be talks on March 31 and April 1 in Ankara on ways of expanding sales of farm products to Turkey.

Grain freight rates move up

LONDON, March 21 (AFP) — Grain freight rates between the U.S., Gulf and Japan moved up to their highest for ten months last week as the shortage of nearby tonnage developed.

Growing problems of draught restrictions at the Panama Canal, with further reductions expected shortly, has concentrated demand on the smaller vessels in the U.S./Far East trades. But the full picture failed to emerge owing to the strict secrecy clauses included in the charters, and on the surface conditions

appeared quiet. But underneath, according to one shipbroker, conditions were "bubbling" and there were reports of ships breaking lay-up to take advantage of this sudden surge in rates.

Draught restrictions were also beginning to affect the river Plate trade, where heavy silt-up was reported. Great Lakes inquiry for the new season, which is scheduled to start in April, was also a feature, although again details were scarce. Adding a note of urgency to these North American negotiations was the fact that Australian grain exports are likely to be badly affected by the drought-affected output, with South African maize shipments similarly damaged and expected to stop completely in May.

In the grain sector, a 27,000 tonner was booked out of the U.S. Gulf to Japan at \$19.50/ton, up 25 cents on the previous week, but reports were circulating that \$20.25 had been agreed for a 50,000 tonner in the same trade, able to transit the Panama Canal, up \$3.35 since the beginning of March and the highest since May last year.

Trans-atlantic grain business (US/Europe) was confined to a 62,000 tonner fixed on a lump sum basis, equivalent to \$8.32 ton, or some 18 cents below recent levels.

Chinese charterers returned to the river Plate for more grain, paying \$31.60 (against \$31.50) for a 30,000 tonner.

Barge fire kills 3

PARIS, March 21 (AFP) — Three persons were killed, 32 were injured and 10 more reported missing following an accident on a barge anchoring an offshore oil rig Sunday off Zaire, the barge company's headquarters announced here Monday.

A statement from the Bouygues group said that the incident happened when a sudden rush of gas caught fire setting the craft alight. There were 168 persons on board. The operations were part of a Gulf oil project developing oilfields in the Angolan enclave of Cabinda and off Zaire.

Multinational blamed

Philippines censors infant feeding program

MANILA, March 21 (AFP) — Swedish actress Liv Ullman said Monday a television interview with her here on breast-feeding was "censored" following protests by a sponsoring manufacturer of powdered infant formula.

"I am shocked that I should be censored," said Miss Ullman, who is here as a special envoy of the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). "This has not happened anywhere else in all my travels for UNICEF," she said. "These infant formula companies have become so big they are able to control media. I promise you it will be known all over the world."

In her interview scheduled for airing on a privately-sponsored program on the government channel, Miss Ullman extols breast-feeding over commercial formulas. The sequence was deleted following a protest by one of the sponsors, Filipino, the Filipino affiliate of the Swiss multinational food company Nestle, Miss Ullman said.

She claimed high-powered sales methods were used to promote infant formulas, which, she said, was healthier and more economic than powdered milk. "They must apologize

to the whole world for these immoralities. I will speak, but I cannot do it alone. I hope mothers and other women will listen and together we will be able to do some basic changes," Miss Ullman said. She also said she found it "strange" that doctors would recommend powdered formulas.

"Either the doctors are ignorant — which I shudder to think about — or they are given free samples and get sponsorships in their activities," said Miss Ullman, who has stayed with poor families in Bangladesh and other parts of the world in her continuing campaign for UNICEF.

"When I get back," she said, "I will tell the funding countries how and where their money is being spent and perhaps inspire them to give more." UNICEF not only provides emergency food and other help, but tries to teach poor people how to help themselves, she explained. She cited the example of Philippine mothers apparently affected by advertising and, perhaps, by health personnel.

"I was told Filipino mothers may be following trends being greatly influenced by their 'Americanization'," she said.

British Steel 'butcher' may be assigned tough coal job

LONDON, March 21 (R) — After halving manpower to cut losses in Britain's ailing state steel industry, which earned him the title of "that Yankee butcher," troubleshooter Ian MacGregor now faces a tough new job in coal.

The 70-year-old businessman, born in Scotland but with a background in American industry, is due to be appointed chairman of the National Coal Board (NCB) by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, according to leaked reports in the British media. His task will be to cut sharply into the \$1.5 billion annual handout the state-owned coal industry is getting from the taxpayer. He is due to stand down in June after three years as head of the state-owned British Steel Corporation during which manpower has been cut from 155,000 to 85,000 and losses halved.

Thus, a conflict is in the making between the Canny Scot and militant Socialist Arthur Scargill, president of the 200,000-strong National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), the man who hung the much-quoted "butcher" tag on MacGregor. "I am not a butcher — I'm a plastic surgeon. I try to rebuild damaged features," he retorted.

The name of Ian MacGregor was bandied as a bogeyman this month as the 200,000 miners argued over whether to call a national strike to resist pit closures mooted by the present coal board management. To the open relief of Mrs. Thatcher and the Conservative government, the miners finally rejected Scargill's strike call by a 61 percent vote. This does not mean, however, that MacGregor will face no opposition if he tries to turn the coal industry around by a major program of pit closures if and when he is appointed.

"I will fight him," Scargill has pledged, saying: "He has been an unmitigated disaster at British Steel." British Steel, after three years of MacGregor, is producing about the same amount of steel, some 280,000 tons a week, with nearly half the workforce. This cost cut has helped shave losses from nearly \$1.5 billion to around \$750 million.

Mrs. Thatcher, who brought MacGregor from the New York banking house of Lazards, described it as a superb job. The minister in charge of coal, Energy Secretary Nigel Lawson, enthused: "This is the caliber

of man we need to help this great industry (coal) to realize its full potential."

Ian MacGregor was born at Kinlochleven on Scotland's west coast, went to Glasgow University and then moved to the United States. He was chairman and chief executive of the giant Amax Mining and Minerals Group from 1966 to 1977. To release him from Lazards, where he was a senior partner, Mrs. Thatcher negotiated a \$2.7 million fee with the New York bank linked to British Steel's performance under his leadership.

One thing that greatly impressed Mrs. Thatcher was the way he appealed to steel workers over the heads of union chiefs, getting across the message "survival for some or extinction for all." He tempted surplus staff with redundancy payments of up to \$30,000.

Regarded as imaginative, MacGregor proposed a combination channel tunnel and bridge linking Britain and France that would need a lot of steel. He firmly believes that high energy costs are dragging British industry, and his approach was said to be so much liked by Mrs. Thatcher that she at one point wanted him to run coal and steel at the same time.

New UAE bank will help industries

ABU DHABI, March 21 (R) — A new bank which began operations this weekend in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will encourage more industrial projects in the federation, its director general has said.

Anis Al-Jalaf told Reuters Sunday the Industrial Bank would lend at 4.5 percent interest to stimulate new projects and finance existing industries in the country. The Abu Dhabi-based bank would also undertake studies of possible new industrial ventures for the public and private sectors, he said. To qualify for loans, companies must be at least 70 percent owned by UAE nationals.

The Industrial Bank, which is owned 51 percent by the government and 49 percent by UAE banks and insurance firms, has authorized capital of \$140 million with \$30 million paid up.

Financial Roundup

Riyal moves up, dollar strong

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 21 — The closure of the major European bourses has brought about a sense of uncertainty and apprehension in world financial markets. In the domestic markets, Monday saw riyal deposit rates rise by another 1/2 percent to nearly 1 percent in most tenors although dealings were concentrated in the short to medium term market. The inability of the European Monetary System (EMS) finance ministers to tackle the parity issue within the EMS — specifically concerning the French and German currencies — led to the suspension of trading on Monday in Europe although the Far Eastern markets were operating.

Even then, the French franc was not traded in Hong Kong while in Japan it was quoted wide at 7.12-7.22 levels compared to Friday prices of just over the 7.00 level. Dealers expect some sort of parity agreement to emerge soon. Otherwise the speculative market pressure on both these EMS currencies could develop further. The mark seen in the Far Eastern markets to trade around 2.3980-2.4000 levels but most pressure was on the buying side tempered by the knowledge that the Bundes Bank would not entirely intervene to support the mark and might allow German interest rates to fall further.

The other currencies also fell back

against the dollar to take the yen to 240.80 prices, the Swiss franc to 2.0690, the British pound to 1.4870 levels. The British currency has been badly hit by the renewed speculation of further oil price cuts which would only harm the British balance of payments. The recent 1/2 percent cut in British base lending rates has also taken its toll on sterling.

The uncertainties on the financial markets has given a mild boost to bullion prices which saw gold rise to \$421 up by \$7 an ounce, while silver prices rose to 20 cents to \$10.60 an ounce. The bullion prices remain volatile, however.

In the domestic markets, the week fixed riyal rose to 8 1/4-8 1/2 percent and even 9 percent at one stage, but trading volumes were thin and erratic. The one month JIBOR also rose to 8 1/2 percent levels while the one year rate rose to 9 1/2 percent. Dealers feel that rates will ease once the markets become more settled. On the exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates fluctuated around 3.4398-05 levels in nervous trading.

The following are the closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

Location	Price
London	414.50
Paris	422.17
Frankfurt	414.51
Zurich	415.25
Hong Kong	412.68

Oil slick worries Kuwaitis

KUWAIT, March 21 (AP) — Kuwait Monday joined the rest of the Gulf countries in declaring a state of alert in the face of a massive oil slick now moving toward Gulf shores from the Iraq-Iran war zone.

Kuwait's high committee for emergencies held a meeting under Communications Minister Isa Al-Mazidi to devise contingency plans for combating the slick. "A state of emergency is now on, and intensive contacts are under way with neighboring countries to coordinate action against the slick," said

Abdul-Latif Al-Zaidan, Kuwait's representative at the Gulf Regional Organization for Marine Life Protection.

He said that a number of planes have been mobilized to reconnoiter the southern Kuwaiti territorial waters.

"Meteorological factors can speed up the slick and drive it closer to our shores," he cautioned. "We are not merely concerned about fish wealth in the waters, but we are also taking precautions around industrial installations and water refining stations."

Conference vows to fight poverty

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — Causes of poverty in America and the Third World "are the same," a Bangladeshi grass-roots movement leader said Saturday, as an international gathering to fight ignorance and poverty concluded after two weeks of conferences.

Thirty-one common peoples' representatives from 15 countries discussed "visions of a future without hunger, poverty, oppression

or war" and said, in a "pledge" issued to the press, that "in our time together, we have moved from a sense of isolation to a sense of international solidarity."

"Causes of poverty in the U.S. and the Third World are the same — the differences are a matter of dimension," said Fazle H. Abed, founder and executive director of the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee.

Tin council parley begins today

LONDON, March 21 (AFP) — An extension of severe export controls on tin producers and its likely impact on prices are expected to be the main points to be discussed by leading producers and consumers in meetings prior to the International Tin Council's quarterly talks which begin here Tuesday.

Delegate sources are "sure" that these export controls, first introduced in April last year to check the massive surplus situation, will be continued at the present penal rate (23,200 tons a quarter) which equates to a 36 percent reduction of normal shipments.

The council's buffer stock manager is reckoned to have bought the major portion of the world surplus over the past year or so, and currently holds about 70,000 tons of tin (equivalent to just over 40 percent of world consumption), estimated at 163,000 tons in 1982.

So far, Penang (Malaysia's tin market) has been very reluctant to move to higher prices. Over the past two weeks, there have been signs that quotations are beginning to harden, but at 30.53 Malaysian dollars / kilos have now moved off the "floor" price of the international agreement (29.15 Malaysian dollars).



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As Wilkins, Hoddle fail to make grade

Francis bounces back into England's side

LONDON, March 21 (R) — Trevor Francis' six-month exile from international soccer ended Monday when he was named in England's 21-man squad for the European Championship Group Three tie against Greece here on March 30.

Francis, who plays for Italian club Sampdoria, has been missing from the England team since he scored in the 2-2 draw in Denmark last September. Injuries have robbed manager Bobby Robson of a clutch of big names including captain Bryan Robson. Tottenham's gifted midfielder Glenn Hoddle and former captain Ray Wilkins of Manchester United have also been left out.

The one surprise is the inclusion of Wilkins' United teammate Mike Duxbury, who is equally happy at fullback or in central defence.

Return of O'Neill

Northern Ireland's injured captain Martin O'Neill could make his return to soccer in the Group Six tie against Turkey in Belfast. O'Neill was named in Billy Bingham's 16-man squad although he has been out of the Norwich side since he fractured an elbow six weeks ago. But the experienced midfielder is back in full training and is expected to turn out for the Norwich reserve team on Saturday.

Watford striker Gerry Armstrong, one of

Northern Ireland's World Cup heroes, returns to the squad after missing the last two internationals against West Germany, which the Irish won, and Albania because of a broken ankle.

Nicholas included

Glasgow Celtic's Charlie Nicholas, the deadliest striker in British Soccer, could make his international debut for Scotland against Switzerland in the Group One tie in

Glasgow.

The 21-year-old, who has scored over 40 goals this season, was one of two newcomers included in Jock Stein's 18-man squad. Dundee United fullback Richard Gough also forced his way into the party but he is unlikely to gain his first cap as teammate David Narey has made the Scottish number two shirt his own since taking over from Danny McGrain during the World Cup.

Stein has also recalled three players who have been out of the picture for some time — Aberdeen winger Peter Weir, who gained his four previous caps over three years ago, St. Mirren goalkeeper Billy Thomson and Tottenham's new signing Alan Brazil.

Manfred Kaltz dropped West German coach Jupp Derwall, under pressure to restore his team's waning prestige, has dropped long-serving defender Manfred Kaltz against Albania in a Group Six match.

Kaltz, 30, and capped 69 times, has missed only two of the European champions' last 50 matches, but Derwall said: "His last performances for club and national team rule out any other decision. Moreover, he has a knee injury."

Derwall's squad includes Bernd Schuster, although the player's release by Spanish club Barcelona is uncertain, and midfielder Hans Mueller, with Inter Milan of Italy. Mueller has received much criticism in Italy but Derwall said he was giving the player the benefit of the doubt.

Derwall said Uli Stieleke, West Germany's regular sweeper, had told him that Mueller had played much better in the Madrid leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup than he had in Milan. But Real Madrid won the quarterfinal 3-2 on aggregate.

The teams

ENGLAND

Peter Shilton (Southampton), Ray Clemence (Tottenham), Phil Neal (Liverpool), Alvin Martin (West Ham), Terry Butcher (Ipswich), Martin Bennett, Derek Statham (both West Bromwich), Kenny Sansom (Arsenal), Mike Duxbury (Man. United), Gary Mabbutt (Tottenham), Sammy Lee (Liverpool), Gordon Cowans (Villa), Graham Rix (Arsenal), Ricky Hill (Luton), Steve Coppell (Man. United), Mark Chamberlain (Stoke), Paul Mariner (Ipswich), Luther Blissett (Watford), Trevor Francis (Sampdoria), Tony Woodcock (Arsenal), Alan Devonshire (West Ham).

NORTHERN IRELAND

Pat Jennings (Arsenal), Jim Platt (Middlesbrough), Jimmy Nicholl (Sunderland), Chris Nicholl (Southampton), John O'Neill (Leicester), Mal Donaghy (Luton), John McClelland (Glasgow Rangers), Martin O'Neill (Norwich), Sammy McIlroy (Stoke), David McCreary (Newcastle), Jim Cleary (Glasgow), Neil Brotherton (Blackburn), Gerry Armstrong (Watford), Billy Hamilton (Burnley), Norman Whiteside (Man. United), Neil Stewart (Q.P. Rangers).

SCOTLAND

Leighton (Aberdeen), Thomson (St. Mirren), Gough (Dundee United), F. Gray (Leeds), Hansen (Liverpool), McLeish (Aberdeen), Miller (Aberdeen), Narey (Dundee United), Aitken (Celtic), Bett (Rangers), Soumaré (Liverpool), Strachan (Aberdeen), Watt (Ipswich), Dalgleish (Liverpool), Brazil (Tottenham), Nicholas (Celtic), Sturrock (Dundee United), Weir (Aberdeen).

SWITZERLAND

Roger Berbig, Erich Burgener, Andre Egli, Charyl Alphon, Alain Geiger, Heinz Luedi, Gian-Pietro Zappi, Manfred Decastel, Lucien Favre, Roger Wehrli, Heinz Hermann, Erni Maissen, Manfred Bruchler, Jeanpaul Brigger, Rudolf Elsener, Ramona Ponte, Caludio Solzer and Hanspeter Zwicker.

WEST GERMANY

Schuster, Inemel, Briegel, Bernd Forster, Karl-Heinz Forster, Otten, Strack, Engels, Dremmler, Muller, Rolf, Schuster, Litnanski, Meier, Mewski, Rummennigge, Voeller.

European soccer results

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2 PEC Zwolle 1	2 Sporting 0	2 Feyenoord 2	2 Feyenoord 2
3 NEC Nijmegen 0	3 Sporting 0	3 Feyenoord 2	3 Feyenoord 2
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6 Utrecht 1	6 Sporting 0	6 Feyenoord 2	6 Feyenoord 2
7 Twente Enschede 0	7 Sporting 0	7 Feyenoord 2	7 Feyenoord 2
8 Sparta Rotterdam 0	8 Sporting 0	8 Feyenoord 2	8 Feyenoord 2
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New Delhi all set for crucial IOC meet

NEW DELHI, March 21 (R) — Olympic officials meeting here this week are expected to criticize an apparent stall in plans for next year's Los Angeles Games, Olympic sources said Monday.

Three sports — board sailing, shooting and soccer — will be under particular scrutiny when the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) convenes on Wednesday and Thursday. These meetings will be followed by a three-day IOC session attended by more than 70 delegates from 60 countries.

The executive board's most immediate concern will be arrangements for the Los Angeles Games, on which the Games

organizing committee (LAOOC) will present a progress report on Thursday. With a number of key questions still to be decided, the IOC was reported to be critical of LAOOC President Peter Ueberroth's decision not to attend the New Delhi meetings. IOC sources could recall no previous occasion when the head of a Games organizing committee had declined to attend a full IOC session in a pre-Olympic year.

The two crucial issues for Los Angeles are whether board sailing can be salvaged from a long legal wrangle which threatens its place in the program and where the shooting events will be staged.

There was no immediate indication here

that any progress had been made since the previous executive board meeting in Los Angeles two months ago.

The controversy over board sailing, included in the Games for the first time, stems from a legal battle between two rival equipment manufacturers. This was resolved late last year in a compromise allowing one manufacturer to provide the boards for the Olympic event and the second to supply equipment for a special demonstration competition. But the arrangement required the LAOOC to submit to the IOC a written request for the demonstration event to be staged and there was no indication that this had been done.



BUSTLING BROTHERS: America's Mahre brothers, Phil (left) and Steve, both bustling with energy, are engaged in a keen contest in the semifinals of the parallel slalom in Furano, Japan, Monday. Phil won the battle between the brothers, but lost to Ingemar Stenmark in the final.

Stenmark wins final event

FURANO, Japan, March 21 (AP) — Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark outduelled overall champion Phil Mahre of the U.S. in the final of the parallel slalom tournament Monday as the 1983 World Cup season ended at this course on Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido.

In the season's closing event that brought out 27 men and 29 women competitors, the 27-year-old Swede built a 0.57 second lead in the first heat with a quick start and smooth skiing. In the second heat, Mahre, 25, took an early lead but Stenmark came on strong from the middle to cross the finish line ahead of the American and sweep both runs on the 270 meter (297-yard) course.

Andreas Wenzel of Liechtenstein, who lost to Stenmark in the semifinals, came from behind to capture third place from Mahre's twin brother, Steve. The American won the first heat but was placed fourth on the basis of his combined time. He lost to brother Phil in the semifinals.

In the women's division, Anne-Flore Rey of France edged Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein by about four hundredths of a second to win the exhibition tournament. Wenzel, 26, losing the first heat, charged hard to beat the 21-year-old Rey in the second run but fell short in the turnaround.

Anni Kronbichler of Austria, who was defeated by Wenzel in the semifinals, placed third as her opponent Perrine Pelen of France missed a gate in the first heat of the consolation race.

Pelen lost to Rey in the semifinals.

Tamara Mekhoy of the U.S., the 1983 women's World Cup overall, and giant slalom champion was ousted by Pelen in the second round. Points earned in the season's final competition will not be counted in individual World Cup standings, but they will contribute to team scores in the Nations Cup Competition.

Switzerland bagged the Nations Cup with a tally of 1,883 points. Austria finished second.

Williams tops again

PETERBOROUGH, England, March 21 (AFP) — Rex Williams retained the World Professional Billiards Championship by beating former champion Fred Davis 1,500 — 605 here Sunday.

Williams was first into his stride when he compiled the first significant break of the match, 50, and then went on to compile breaks of 77, 54, and 132 unfinished, to achieve a 751-227 interval advantage. On resumption, Williams continued his break to 212 and added two more centuries in the second session.

Davis, who will be celebrating his 70th birthday in August, was out of touch and only recorded three single centuries in the whole match. Williams took 3,000 pounds and Davis 1,400 although the veteran did gain some consolation with an additional 1,000 for the highest break, an effort of 427 in the quarterfinals.

Scott not included in Lions' squad

LONDON, March 21 (AFP) — England captain John Scott has been left out of the British Lions squad for the tour of New Zealand this summer. Scott, who took on the England captaincy midway through this season but could not prevent the team from collecting the wooden spoon, loses out to Scottish pair John Beattie and Iain Paxton for the two No. 8 places.

Scotland, Wales and Ireland each provide eight players to the side, while England only six. But the Welsh contingent is their smallest on any postwar tour. England can boast the squad's surprise selection, lock Steve Boyle, who has won only three caps. Ireland's Ciaran Fitzgerald was named captain.

There are no uncapped players in the party, but bridge prop Ian Stephens is selected despite being dropped by Wales at the start of the season. Stephens will be making his second Lions tour, as he was called out to South Africa as a replacement before being capped by Wales.

He played all his matches there as a tight head, but for Wales he has always been chosen as a loose head, and his versatility probably won him the vote ahead of England's Colin Smart and Irishmen Gerry McLoughlin and Mick Fitzpatrick.

Cricket tourney

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 21 — As things start hotting up for the Philippine Airlines Cricket Tournament which gets under way in Jeddah, teams interested in participating are requested to send their representatives to the Airlines' office on the fourth floor of Dr. Sulaiman Fakih Building, Medina Road on Thursday, March 24th at 7.00 p.m. to discuss various aspects of the tournament. For further details contact: Mr. Abdul Bari Jamal on 6516192 or 6519516.

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Toney keeps Philadelphia's flag flying high

Turning the tables on Detroit

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — Andrew Toney is keeping healthy the 76ers' chances of being the winningest team in National Basketball Association history.

Toney scored 39 points Sunday night, including 20 in the final period, to bring Philadelphia back from a 12-point deficit to a 121-119 decision over the Detroit Pistons. It was Philadelphia's seventh victory in a row and the 76ers are 57-9 on the season. They need to win 13 of their final 16 games to set an NBA record of 70 victories this season.

Until Toney took charge in the final period, the Pistons were in control. Kelly Tripucka scored 28 points, Isiah Thomas added 27 and Bill Laimbeer had 24 as Detroit assumed command through 36 minutes.

Trail Blazers 118, Nuggets 106: Portland snapped Denver's nine-game homecourt winning streak thanks to staunch defense by Mychal Thompson, who held Alex English, the NBA's leading scorer, to 2-for-12 shooting and blanked English in the final period. Thompson also scored 21 points. Portland is 38-30, while Denver is 37-32. The two teams currently hold the final two playoff spots in the Western Conference.

Kings 128, Warriors 114: Mike Woodson's 30 points and 28 by Eddie Johnson led the Kings, who snapped a five-game skid. Joe Barry Carroll had 31 for Golden State, which continued its slide — five straight losses and 12 of the last 14.

Lakers 117, Mavericks 110: The Lakers clinched a playoff spot as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 23 points. The Lakers grabbed a 17-point halftime lead only to see Dallas rally and take a 101-100 lead with 7:10 to go. But Los Angeles reeled off an 11-2 string to take command.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson had 18 points and 16 assists after missing one game with a bruised thigh muscle. Dallas was led by Mark Aguirre's 33 points.

Bucks 107, Nets 92: Brian Winters scored a season-high 30 points but the Bucks had to rally after blowing a 22-point, third-quarter lead. After trailing 73-51, the Nets scored 15 straight points. Milwaukee led 80-71 entering the final period, but the Nets scored nine in a row to tie it. Then Charlie Criss came off the bench to ignite the Bucks. Albert King led the Nets with 26 points.

Sonics 128, Bulls 116: David Thompson



Toney ... sparkles for Sixers

had 29 points, including 16 in the third period to pace the Sonics, who have won six in a row and are one game ahead of fourth-placed Portland in the Pacific Division. Gus Williams added 24 points for Seattle. Quintin Dailey led the Bulls with 30.

Celtics 90, Cavaliers 79: Larry Bird scored seven points in the last two minutes and the Celtics survived despite playing poorly.



English ... held in check by Portland

Cager shot on court

CEBU, Philippines, March 21 (R) — An irate basketball player killed an opponent after a disputed game in this central Philippine city, police said Monday. Pedro Telamo, 27, was shot when he returned to the court to collect his shoes after the second of two games ended in a brawl Sunday. Police are searching for his killer.

Teacher puts the clamp on Dickson's ascendancy

MUNICH, West Germany, March 21 (AP) — Californian Brian Teacher defeated fellow American Mark Dickson 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 Sunday to win the \$300,000 WCT Indoor Tennis Tournament.

South African Kevin Curren and his American partner Steve Denton went on to win the doubles event by beating double-world champ Heinz Guenthardt of Switzerland and Hungarian Balazs Taroczy 7-5, 2-6, 6-1.

Teacher claimed \$100,000 of the prize money, with Dickson taking home \$50,000. The Americans are ranked 20th and 31st respectively on the world list.

It was the first time the 23-year-old Dickson reached the finals since turning professional eight months ago. The young Florida player emerged as the tournament's giantkiller after surprising three favorites, including top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, last week.

After triumphing 6-1 in the first set, Dickson lost his second set on a double-fault. Teacher's superior condition and foresight bested Dickson from then on. "We never played against each other before," Teacher said. "But I knew it would be hard."

Dickson took the loss philosophically, calling Munich his "biggest success" to date. "I jumped from 200th to 31st so why shouldn't I be able to reach a place among the top five in the world?" he said.

Meanwhile, Gene Mayer, remaining in command from the first set on, defeated top seed Guillermo Vilas for the ABN World Tournament Championship. In notching his first singles title of 1983, Mayer, of Woodmere, N.Y., topped Vilas 6-1, 7-6, marking the first time he has beaten the Argentinian after six tries.

Vilas, the defending ABN champion, admitted after the match he started slow and never really managed to recover against Mayer's deft dropshots. Only in the see-saw tiebreaker set, which Mayer eventually won 11-9, did Vilas demonstrate his customary aggressive play. Mayer won \$50,000 for his

victory in this Grand Prix tournament. In Naples, Florida top-seeded Rod Laver defeated second seed Ken Rosewall 6-3, 1-6, 7-5, in the finals of the \$35,000 Foster's Lager Championships at the World Tennis Center. For the victory, Laver picked up \$10,000 and Rosewall earned \$6,000.

Wendy strokes way to crown

BOSTON, Massachusetts March 21 (AP) — Australian Wendy Turnbull seized the middle of the court and neutralized the more powerful Sylvia Hanika of West Germany to win the \$150,000 Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament Sunday 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Two match pitted two international stars who had knocked off crowd favorites in the semifinals of the Boston Garden event. Turnbull defeated Austin Saturday night to make it to the final and Hanika topped Billie Jean King and spoiled a local celebration of King's 25 years in tennis.

Turnbull, a runner-up in the 1982 Boston tournament, dominated the court in the first set. The 30-year-old, seeded third, kept Hanika deep in the court and captured the net to continually pound overhead slams and shallow angle shots.

With Turnbull leading 5-4, Hanika shook off two break points and fought back to deuce. But Turnbull kept her deep for the final two points and finish the set with an overhand winner.

Both players had trouble serving in the second set. After Turnbull lost her second straight serve to trail 3-2, Hanika finally found her power game. She hit an overhead, served an ace and hit a deep passing shot to go ahead 4-2 and eventually won the set to even the match.

Hanika, 23, switched strategies at 3-3 in the final set and tried attacking the net. But it backfired when Turnbull passed her with a forehand shot to produce a service break and a 4-3 lead. Turnbull held on to win the final set.

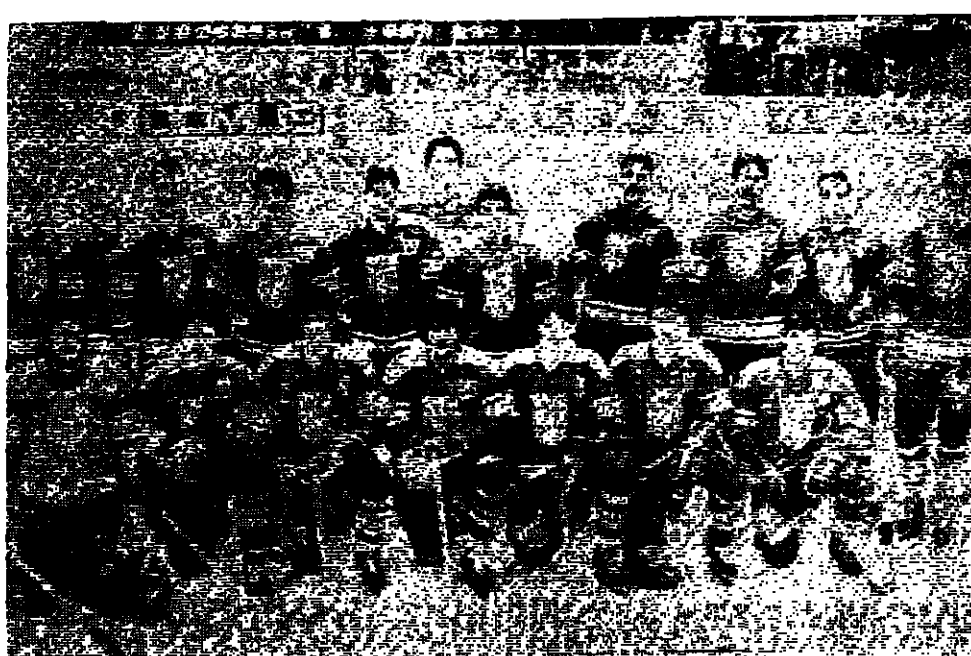
Clive Lloyd honored

West Indies and Guyana cricket captain Clive Lloyd was given the nation's second highest award by President Forbes Burnham after leading Guyana to victory over Jamaica in the Harrison Line cricket final at Bourda.

The presentation was made in the presence of thousands of jubilant cricket fans. Burnham went to the cricket match less than 24 hours after his return here from the non-aligned nations summit in New Delhi. The president also spent four days in London.

Guyana was struggling at 69 runs for five wickets, after electing to bat first. But then a rearguard action by the diminutive left-hander Deryck Kalicharran and Milton Pydara, transformed a stunned Bourda crowd into one of hope, when they put on a 58 runs partnership. That set the scene for Guyana to make 211.

Jamaica, led by speed merchant Michael Holding collapsed for 83, in twenty five overs of dramatic cricket, giving Guyana the victory by 128 runs. Three weeks ago, Guyana beat Jamaica in a scheduled five-day match with a day to spare to win the Shell Shield Regional Championship for the third time in eight years.



VICTORIOUS: The Holland team, which emerged with a clean slate in the Pool 'C' of the World Ice Hockey Championship in Budapest Sunday, pose proudly after their victorious campaign. They along with hosts Hungary, gained promotion to Pool 'B'.

With a brace for Black Hawks Secord hits 50-goal target

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — Al Secord became the second player in Chicago history to reach the 50-goal milestone when he tallied twice Sunday to power the Black Hawks to a 7-3 National Hockey League win over the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Black Hawks went on a four-goal spree in the first stanza and rode out to victory with that margin.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Defenseman Tim Watters scored his fifth goal of the season with 1:52 remaining to give the Winnipeg Jets a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over the Quebec Nordiques. The Nordiques went ahead by two goals in the first period. But they were held goalless in the next two as the Jets flew past them.

Pete Peeters had little work to do in recording his eighth shutout of the season and Luc Dufour scored a pair of goals as the Boston Bruins eased past the New York Rangers 4-0. Bengt Gustafsson, meanwhile, scored one goal and made an assist on another to help give the Washington Capitals a 3-2 triumph over the Philadelphia Flyers in a keen action.

Kevin Lavelle scored with 12:34 left to play, lifting the Calgary Flames to a 2-2 tie with the Hartford Whalers. The Flames registered one goal in the last two periods to wipe out the Whalers' two first period goals advantage. And, Larry Robinson and Mark Napier each scored two goals for Montreal, as the Canadiens broke to a 5-2 first period lead and went on to beat the Buffalo Sabres 7-4.

Holland tops Meanwhile, Holland, which on Saturday won a berth in the Pool 'B' by routing Spain 16-2, Sunday trounced Denmark 10-0 and Spain beat North Korea 8-2, which dropped to the Pool "D" on the last day of the Group 'C' World Ice Hockey Championship in Budapest.

Hungary managed to hold on to their slender one-goal lead, which they took in the first period, to nip China 4-3. The victory enabled Hungary to join Holland to Pool 'B', while China missed the bus by a point. They finished third with nine points, while Hun-

In Anglet, France, Switzerland, although losing 4-1 to Japan in their last game, clinched the Group "B" World Junior Ice Hockey Championships. Japan missed the title and promotion to the top group by a single goal. They would have finished ahead of Switzerland if they had won by a clear four-goal margin.

The Japanese, always dangerous around the Swiss goal, opened up a two-goal lead through Takagi and Senuma after 15 minutes but then conceded what turned out to be a crucial goal to Waeger.

After that the Swiss defended grimly and although Suzuki and Yajima each scored once in the last two periods Japan were unable to get that all-important fifth goal.

Shastri's knock puts Indians in command

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada March 21 (AP) — The touring Indian cricketers set the Windward Islands 253 runs to win and quickly captured two of their wickets for 35 runs by the end of the third day of the four-day match here Sunday.

The Indians, who trailed by 35 runs on first innings, carried their overnight second innings score from 67 to 287 all out in a display of inconsistent batting.

All-rounder Ravi Shastri, opening the batting, was 40 not out when play began and he continued to play positively before he was caught by wicketkeeper Ignatius Cadette off fast bowler Winston Davis — the first of five wickets for the lively Davis.

Shastri made 73 with eight fours and laid a promising foundation for the Indian batting. However, fast bowler Neil Williams bowled Dilip Vengsarkar for 40 and Gurusar Singh for zero just before lunch when the Indians were 159 for six and struggling.

Two good partnerships, both involving Yashpal Sharma, made sure there was no collapse. Yashpal and captain Kapil Dev put

on 55 for the seventh-wicket before Kapil was a victim of the Cadette-Davis combination for 36 and then Yashpal and Madan Lal further consolidated the innings with a stand of 63 before Davis, using the second new ball, bowled Yashpal for 57.

When Davis bowled Laxman Sivaramakrishnan and Srinivasa Venkatraghavan at the same score to end the innings, Madan Lal was not out with 37.

Davis' final figures were five for 84, which will boost his chances for inclusion in the West Indies team for the third Test match starting in Georgetown, Guyana, March 31. He has been in the squad for the first two Tests, but has been omitted from the final team each time.

The Windwards had a disastrous start to their second innings. A knee injury forced opener Lockhart Sebastian to retire when he had made 7, Kapil Dev had Shane Julien caught by wicketkeeper Kiran More first ball to a wild stroke and Madan Lal dismissed left-handed Lance John for 7. In a match in which the scoring has been low, the Windwards face a difficult task on the final day.

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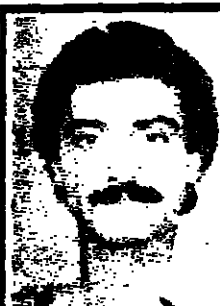
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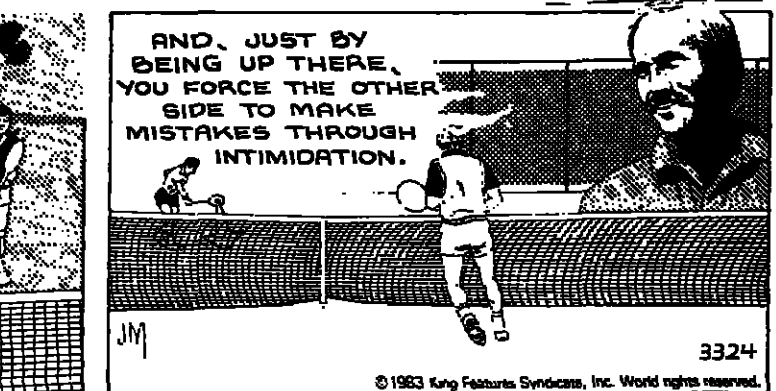
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China objects to U.S. on Taiwan weapons

PEKING, March 21 (Agencies) — China said Monday it has objected to the United States over plans to deliver a record \$1.580 million worth of arms to Taiwan over the next two years.

The Foreign Ministry said the projected sales greatly exceeded the level of U.S. arms deliveries to Taiwan since Peking and Washington established diplomatic relations in 1979. It also violated a U.S. pledge in 1982 to gradually reduce its arms sales to the Nationalist-ruled island, a ministry statement said. It added: "We have made representations to the U.S. government in this regard."

The Reagan administration told congressmen recently that Taiwan arms deliveries for 1983 were projected at \$800 million, and for 1984 at \$780 million.

Diplomatic sources in Peking said U.S.

Ambassador Arthur Hummel was called to the Foreign Ministry last Thursday to be told of China's displeasure. They said the envoy was told the amount represented a major increase over 1979 sales at a time when Washington was committed to a gradual reduction of deliveries.

Although Washington broke diplomatic relations with Taiwan in January 1979 to establish full ties with Peking, the political atmosphere between the two capitals has been sullied by U.S. determination to maintain Taiwan's defensive capability.

An attempt to paper over the split came with their joint communiqué last year, in which China said its goal was to seek peaceful reunification with Taiwan and the United States said it intended gradually to reduce its weapons sales to Taipei.

According to the U.S. State Department, 1979 sales totaled \$598 million which, adjusted for inflation, was the equivalent of \$830 million in 1983.

But diplomatic sources in Peking said China, which had only reluctantly agreed to a gradual phasing-out instead of an immediate cut-off, could not agree to index-linking the arms bill.

In an unrelated development, China formally opposed recent proposals for talks on the Cambodian question between the non-Communist countries of Southeast Asia and Indochinese countries. The proposal was the result of a maneuver by Vietnam "to counter pressure by the international community," a New China News Agency commentary said Monday.

The commentary came as foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) prepared to meet Wednesday in Bangkok in a bid to find a common position on possible talks between member countries and Vietnam and Laos, without representation from the pro-Vietnamese regime in Phnom Penh.

Russia eager for normalcy

MOSCOW, March 21 (AFP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko told a senior Chinese envoy here Monday that the Soviet Union was "ready to seek the means of normalizing its relations with China and gradually extending bilateral links and contacts," the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Gromyko told Qian Qichen, head of the Chinese delegation at the second round of Sino-Soviet talks that ended here last week, that this "would contribute to the general improvement of relations between our two countries."

Qian explained his government's views on Sino-Soviet relations and on certain international problems and both parties agreed that the existence of a Moscow-Peking dialogue was a "positive development," Tass added.

The consultations in Moscow resulted in slightly improving the situation, observers here said. Meanwhile, Japanese sources in Peking said the Soviet Union had proposed a non-aggression treaty, and reliable sources here said the two sides had discussed the massive Soviet military presence on the Chinese border.

Chirac elected mayor

PARIS, March 21 (AFP) — Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac was Monday formally re-elected mayor of Paris. Chirac, 50, led his Rally for the Republic Party to victory in municipal council elections in all 20 administrative districts of the French capital earlier this month.

'Ugly American' still survives, author says

NEW YORK, March 21 (R) — When it first appeared a quarter of a century ago, *The Ugly American* made a nation self-conscious. At home, the book was attacked in Congress, abroad the title became a catchphrase of anti-American loathing.

The book portrayed America's presence overseas as boorish and arrogant — its diplomats ignorant of the language and culture of the areas where they worked, living a life of privilege as they were outmaneuvered by their Soviet rivals.

Twenty-five years and four million copies later, the book's co-author says for all the angry debate the publishing phenomenon generated, little in his opinion has changed in the way the United States conducts its foreign affairs. "I think I could write the same kind of book today," says William Lederer. "In fact, I might just do that."

There are others, in and out of America's foreign service community, who agree. They say the book's criticism of amateurish political appointments to delicate overseas posts is as valid today as it was in 1958, as is its portrayal of well-intentioned but oblivious U.S. diplomats living lives of luxury in foreign capitals.

The Ugly American was fiction but the authors said it was based on their personal observations. Set in real and fictional Southeast Asian nations of the 1950s, Lederer said it could have been written about American conduct in dozens of other countries in transition or crisis in the past two decades. It became a best seller and has never been out of print.

It was taken seriously by the media at home and abroad. The U.S. Information Agency struck the book from its program of so-called "subsidized" overseas sales. But then, fearful of censorship charges, it reversed its decision.

In Congress, bitter words were exchanged. Sen. William Fulbright accused the authors of oversimplifying for profit, saying every profession had its "misfits, mischief-makers, buffoons and shirkers."

"The book said we were a nation of amateurs, and that was too bad because we could afford to be a nation of old pros," Lederer, a long-time Southeast Asia watcher, says of the book he wrote with Eugene Burdick, a professor. Burdick is dead, but Lederer, now 70, writes, travels and monitors foreign broadcasts at his home in Peacham, Vermont.

Sen. Fulbright today says he scarcely recalls the book itself. But he now appears more alarmed than he once was by the book's points, especially its warning that Americans who deal with the Russians would do well to understand them better.

"We don't have any kind of real serious study of the people we do business with," says the former senator. "The Russians have an institute of American and Canadian studies with 350 persons who spend full time on it. We don't have anything comparable to that studying Russia." And the government, including the State Department, Fulbright now says, is

riddled with amateurs.

The American Foreign Service Association, the Union of Overseas Staff, say all presidents give some ambassadorships to political appointees instead of career diplomats. But they say President Reagan's percentage of political appointments is the highest in three decades — 43 percent. The group also has been outspoken about the quality of some of those appointments.

The government's School of Language Studies says more lower-level staff are now trained in the language of the country where they will serve but that there has been no dramatic rise in the number of top-level posts that must be filled by officers with language qualifications.

As for ambassadors themselves, some speak the language and some do not, just as was true in 1958, when Lederer said the U.S. ambassador to Italy, France, Germany and Belgium, for example, could not speak the languages of those countries.

Pierre Shostal, dean of the language school, scoffs at the image in the Lederer book of all Soviet diplomats as ultra-competent professionals. "They don't all speak the local language — the Soviets have their hacks, too."

A strong moral of *The Ugly American* is that a vigilant, observant embassy staff in any country should have contacts among a wide variety of classes and groups, to help read the political climate of the country. Yet in the post-mortem on American policy in Iran before the revolution, Washington was widely held to have had little understanding of, or willingness to acknowledge, the depth of opposition to the Shah.

Barry Rosen, press attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Iran and one of those held hostage for 444 days, talks with regret of the very sort of aloofness seen in *The Ugly American*. "There should have been more contact with opposition groups, and better mobility," he says now of the American presence in Iran during the 1970s.

After the 1979 revolution, it was too late for such activity. "It was fortress America then," he says. Lederer agrees. "We simply didn't know... what was happening in Iran. It's national suicide to make decisions based on information from the elite."

Lederer, who has written a string of other successful books on topics ranging from marriage to cross country skiing, has just turned in his most recent novel, and he thinks it might be a good time to start an updated *Ugly American*.

"I'm stalling to get provoked to get out and do another one. I might drift around the world, and then probably settle in Latin America and get started. The author's advice to the foreign service for gathering information that better reflects national opinion! "You've got to get the hell out and grub around."

NATO aides to review cuts in arms

BRUSSELS, March 21 (R) — NATO defense ministers will reassess the role of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe this week, a review that could lead to sizable cuts in the present stockpile, diplomats said.

NATO has about 6,000 nuclear warheads in Europe, including missiles, mines, bombs and artillery shells. The twice-yearly meeting of the alliance's Nuclear Planning Group, to be held near Faro, southern Portugal, on Tuesday and Wednesday, will discuss an interim report on how to reduce the stockpile by at least 464.

This is the number of new medium-range Cruise missiles whose deployment will start in December if there is no concrete result by then at the U.S.-Soviet arms control talks in Geneva.

NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns, speaking about a complete ban on medium-range missiles in Europe — the "zero option" — proposed by the United States told Belgian television Sunday: "Practically speaking, we have now realized that the zero option is not attainable because the Russians say no. We are now headed for an interim solution."

When NATO decided in 1979 to deploy 464 Cruise and 108 Pershing-2 missiles to counter Soviet SS-20s, it said the move should not produce a net increase of nuclear weapons in Europe.

The 108 Pershing-2s do not have to be taken into account since they will replace on a one-for-one basis existing Pershing-1 missiles. But the interim report that U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other ministers will discuss goes beyond the need to find 464 warheads that can be scrapped. It makes an inventory of the arsenal and reviews the role of tactical weapons.

One diplomat said: "NATO's doctrine of flexible response, implying a variety of short-range nuclear weapons to deter any level of aggression, remains unchanged. But there is growing doubt among NATO experts about the usefulness of such a large number. At least there is an urgent need to rationalize them."

Many of the weapons are outdated. Their short-range means they must be deployed near the front line, making them vulnerable to a surprise attack. They would thus have to be fired swiftly or fall into the enemy's hands.

Main candidates for the scrap heap are 20-year-old demolition mines and Nike-Hercules air defense missiles due to be replaced by the non-nuclear Patriot missiles, they said.

A limited cut in tactical nuclear weapons will probably be announced in the autumn.

Claim of fake Dalis denied

BARCELONA, Spain, March 21 (R) — Art experts and close friends of surrealist painter Salvador Dali denied the claims of a Spanish artist who said he had flooded the market with fake Dalis.

Manuel Pujol Baladas, 35, told the news magazine *Cambio 16* he had sold 400 works in the style of Dali, many with forged signatures. "Since 1975 there is more of my work in the market than Dalis," he said in the interview published Friday.

Maria Luisa Tomas, director of the Dali museum in Figueras told Reuters: "Things like this happen quite frequently and we do not attach any importance to it at all. People in the business will not believe it anyway."

Dali's private secretary, Robert Deschamps, told Reuters all Dalis' work was catalogued and said the allegations were getting excessive attention. He said he had not mentioned the affair to the 78-year-old painter, who was busy preparing a major exhibition of his work next month in Madrid.

Dali's frail and unstable health worsened last year after the death of his wife Gala. He recovered enough to take control of his affairs and filed a writ last year with a French court listing 36 works of doubtful authenticity. Antonio Pitxot, a painter and close friend of Dali, denied Pujol's claim but said imitations were not uncommon.

Art gallery directors in Barcelona contacted by Reuters had not heard of Manuel Pujol. His father said he had exhibited paintings in Barcelona last year. Joaquim Ros Sabater, a Catalan sculptor for whom Dali has posed, said anyone who confused the pictures shown in *Cambio 16* with original Dalis knew nothing about art or Dali's style of painting.

S. Africa sets conditions for Namibia talks

PRETORIA, March 21 (AFP) — South Africa has been invited to the forthcoming United Nations international conference on Namibia but will only attend "on certain conditions," an official source said here Monday.

An authoritative source said that Pretoria's decision to attend depended on the response from the U.N. body organizing the conference concerning South African requests.

The theme of the conference, scheduled to be held in Paris from April 25 to 29, is support for the Namibian people's struggle for independence. The source said that Pretoria was insisting on the removal of the word "struggle" from the conference's title.

The source also said that South Africa wanted all the Namibian political parties, not just the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), to be invited to the event, and was seeking to stop the United Nations from considering SWAPO as the only genuine representative of the Namibian people, which Pretoria sees as an indication of U.N. "bias."

Observers noted that these conditions were met for the 1981 U.N. Geneva conference on Namibia which ended without agreement on a date for implementation of the U.N. independence settlement in the territory which is administered by South Africa in defiance of the international law.

The U.N. plan, calling for a ceasefire and free elections under international supervision, has not been implemented, as Washington and Pretoria are calling for a withdrawal by Cuban troops stationed in Angola as a precondition of Namibian independence.

Swazi power struggle seen

JOHANNESBURG, March 21 (AFP) — A struggle for power appeared to be raging Monday in the small southern African kingdom of Swaziland after the reported dismissal of Prime Minister Prince Mabandla Dlamini.

The sacking of the prince by Queen Regent Ndlovukazi was announced in the official government gazette Friday and confirmed Sunday night by the governor of the royal residence. But the prince's secretary denied he had been removed and said the gazette announcement was an error.

The confusion is the culmination of a months-long struggle between the old guard around the queen regent and more progressive elements led by Prince Mabandla. The

prince has been accused of being a "Communist" in parliament, although he recently bowed to neighboring South Africa by restricting the activities of exiled members of South Africa's banned black nationalist movement, the African National Congress.

The struggle has developed since the death last August of King Sobhuza, who had ruled for more than 60 years. His successor has not yet been named from among the 200 royal princes and his 400 other sons. Queen Ndlovukazi, the late king's senior wife, who is known as "the great she-elephant," is being advised by the 16-member Likoqo, or supreme council of state, which has the job of naming the new monarch.

Japanese protest U.S. carrier visit

SASEBO, Japan, March 21 (R) — Thousands of left-wing protesters demonstrated Monday in the southwestern port of Sasebo against a visit by a U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the defense policies of Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone.

Two persons were arrested in scuffles with police during a two-kilometer march through the city, bringing the number of arrests to eight since the arrival of the 90,000-ton carrier *Enterprise* Monday morning.

The five-day visit by the carrier after maneuvers in the Sea of Japan has provoked pro-

tests by left-wingers who believe it is carrying nuclear weapons. Police estimated the number of marchers at 7,000 but organizers said more than 10,000 took part, shouting slogans against the ship's visit and any attempts by the Nakasone government to strengthen Japan's defense ties with the United States.

Japan's security is underwritten by a treaty with the United States but the opposition Japan Socialist Party and trade unionists, who organized Monday's march, fear the policies of the Nakasone government could involve Japan in a nuclear war.

20 arrested at Britain's N-sub base

FASLANE, Scotland, March 21 (AP) — Police arrested 20 anti-nuclear protesters Monday at Britain's Faslane nuclear submarine base on the west coast of Scotland. They were among more than 60 demonstrators who staged a sit-down protest outside the gates as hundreds of base employees arrived for work.

Anti-nuclear campaigners have set up a "peace camp" outside the base, similar to the 18-month-old camp outside Greenham

Common U.S. Air Base in England. A Faslane base spokesman said the demonstrators halted traffic for about 20 minutes.

"Although these people are forever talking about peace, what they are trying to do in episodes like this is to interfere with the efficiency of one of Britain's key operational defense establishments, which is possibly not the best way of going about ensuring the nation's security," he said. Britain's Polaris nuclear submarines are based at Faslane.

GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min	Max				Min	Max				
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Amsterdam	9	41	9	48	cloudy	Mexico City	11	52	28	82	clear
Athens	9	48	29	68	clear	Miami	19	66	24	75	cloudy
Bahrain	14	57	21	70	clear	Montreal	-1	30	5	41	cloudy
Bangkok	28	82	34	93	clear	Moscow	1	34	4	39	clear
Beirut	12	54	16	61	rain	New Delhi	17	63	27	81	clear
Berlin	8	46	11	52	cloudy	New York	10	50	14	57	rain
Brussels	4	39	8	46	cloudy	Nicosia	9	48	17	63	cloudy
Buenos Aires	9	48	26	79	clear	Oso	0	32	3	37	cloudy
Cairo	11	52	21	70	rain	Paris	10	50	12	54	cloudy
Caracas	22	72	32	90	cloudy	Peking	5	41	12	54	cloudy
Chicago	-3	27	-1	30	snow	Rio de Janeiro	19	66	32	90	rain
Copenhagen	3	37	5	41	cloudy	Rome	7	45	17	63	clear
Dublin	8	46	11	52	rain	San Francisco	10	50	12	54	rain
Frankfurt	9	48	18	64	cloudy	Saoul	6	43	18	64	clear
Geneva	3	37	15	59	clear	Singapore	26	79	34	93	rain
Helsinki	-2	28	5	41	clear	Stockholm	1	34	5	41	cloudy
Hong Kong	20	68	21	70	cloudy	Sydney	19	66	23	73	rain
Jakarta	25	77	33	91	rain	Taipei	15	59	24	75	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	24	75	33	91	rain	Tokyo	7	45	10	50	rain
London	4	39	9	48	cloudy	Toronto	-2	28	1	34	cloudy
Los Angeles	14	57	18	64	rain	Vancouver	2	36	12	54	cloudy
Madrid	5	41	22	72	cloudy	Vienna	-1	30	13	55	clear
Manila	23	73	35	95	clear						

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Egypt expels 5 bishops

CAIRO, March 21 (AFP) — Five Greek Orthodox bishops have been ordered to leave Egypt before Saturday, informed sources said here Monday. They said the Greek consulate had filed a protest with Egyptian authorities over the move, but that the protest was not answered. No reason was given for the expulsion orders, the sources added.

At least two of the bishops were born in Egypt, the sources said. They were told of the expulsion orders Saturday by Interior Ministry officials, who did not explain the measure.

Scotland hit by snow

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — Snow and gale-force winds lashed parts of Britain on the first official day of spring Monday. Scotland was the worst hit, with many roads blocked by drifting snow. Light snow also fell in the Derbyshire Peak district of northern England.

Gusts of wind up to 60 miles per hour forced the closure of the Severn Bridge between England and Wales. Cold rain fell in London.

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